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PRINCE GEORGE. COMING HERE AS "DISTINGUISHED VISITOR." ARRIVING THURSDAY.

Government Party Under Consideration.

An official reception at the newly completed Statue Pier to be followed by a Government House party is one of the suggestions which are being considered in connection with the visit to Hongkong of H.R.H. Prince George who is due to arrive on Thursday by the P. & O. liner, the *st. Malva*.

When the first announcement and bugles and dancing by the Scottish Company of the R.V.C. The celebration of a most effective display was the entrance of modern troops in a grand finale and the main event the representation of the capture of a pirate stronghold by British troops 120 years ago. The uniforms and formations of that date being faithfully reproduced.

Prince George also attended the races held at Singapore on Saturday. What can only be described as a marvellous escape from death was that of a P.W.D. lorry driver who hung suspended with his lorry above the Mahomedan Cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon with only the two rear wheels on the ground.

Princess George will arrive in Hongkong as a "distinguished guest" on Thursday, whatever may be his recognized status on future occasions when he, in common with other sub-lieutenants, will be given shore leave. As a "distinguished guest" it is permissible for him to be entertained in his capacity of Prince and the Hongkong Government has decided to arrange something in his honour during the short time that he is here, before he proceeds to Shanghai by the *Malva*.

STEAMER'S CARGO. AEROPLANES SEIZED HERE. HAUL OF DRUGS.

On Saturday the Imports and Exports Department seized a quantity of drugs and aeroplanes from a British vessel lying alongside the Kowloon wharves.

No details are available at the moment as the authorities are reticent. Rumours are current that the aeroplanes were intended for another Government, possibly, one of the Chinese factions up North. It is also stated that the flying machines were packed in a number of cases.

DANCING DISPLAY. MME. DAILLY'S LOCAL SUCCESS.

Pleasing indeed was Mme. Loulou Dailly's display of dancing at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. Each item made a direct appeal to the imagination and was carried through with charm and grace. The costumes incidental to each dance were in exquisite taste and aided much to the enjoyment of the audience. The well-known "dying swan" was a popular item; but for imaginative effort the death of the moth earned chief honours; whilst the peacock dance was another popular item, to say nothing of the cupid dance. Mme. Dailly had the assistance of a small but efficient orchestra; whilst the violin contributions of M. Iljinsky were much appreciated.

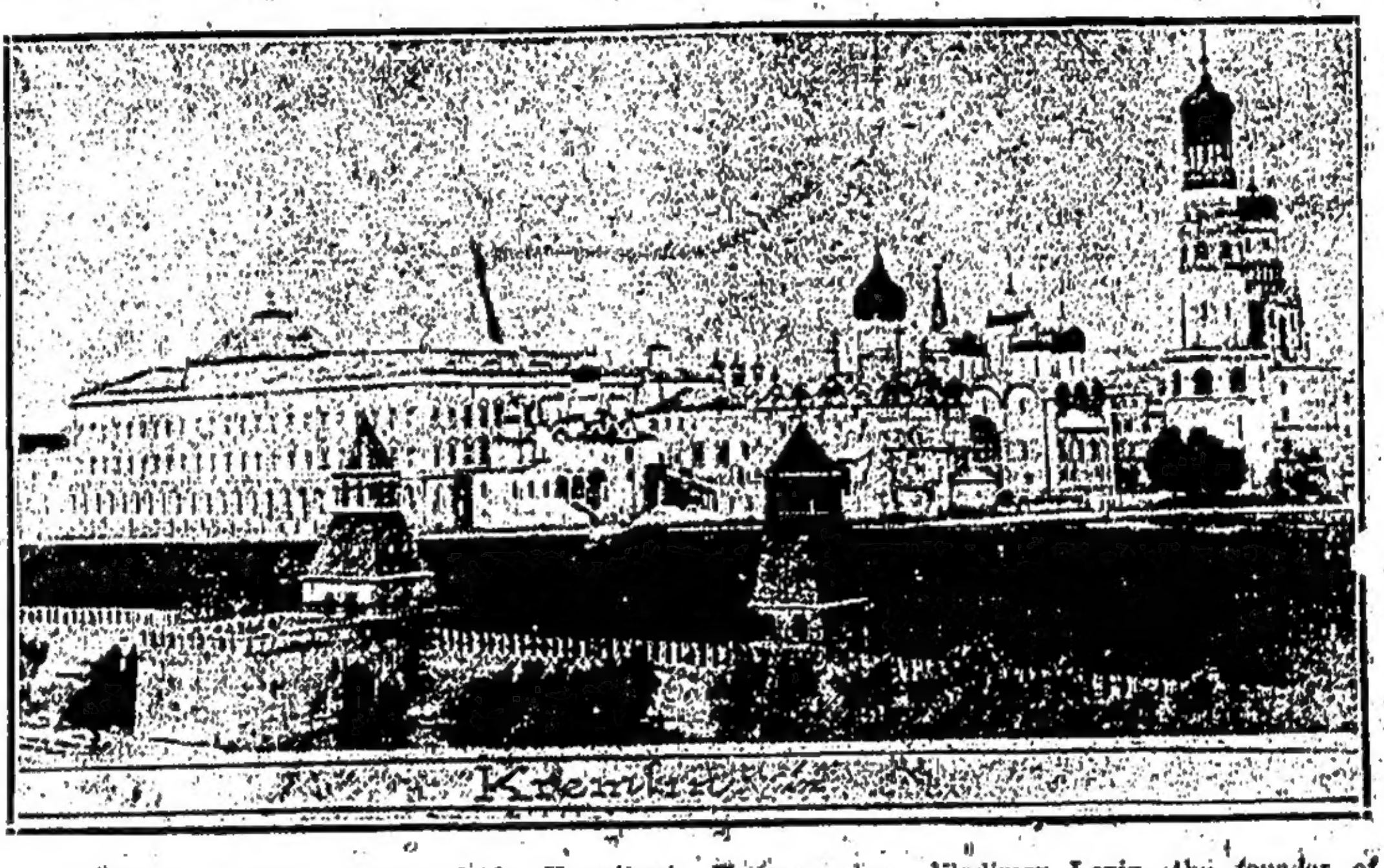
Constantinople, May 24.—Four persons, passengers and crew, were drowned when the Turkish steamer *Yedigöller*, with a cargo of coal, foundered in a storm at the entrance to the Bosphorus. The vessel, said to be considerably damaged, sank where telegraphic communication has been interrupted. *Reuter*.

SAVED BY INCHES. Motor Lorry Driver's Escape.

FRONT WHEELS IN SPACE. STARTLING STUBBS ROAD ACCIDENT.

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WHERE LENIN SLEEPS HIS LAST SLEEP IN A GLASS COFFIN FOR ALL TO SEE.



This is a recent picture of the Kremlin in Moscow where Vladimir Lenin, the founder of Bolshevism, rests in a glass coffin open to the public gaze, for all the world as if he had just dozed off to sleep. Thousands of pilgrims continue to flock to Moscow to gaze on his ghost-like features.

THIEF AND GIRL. EUROPEAN'S PROMPT ACTION. ALBANY ROAD CHASE.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, a fourteen-year old Chinese youth was charged with the larceny of a gold wristlet watch from Sheila Leung, a school-girl living at No. 60 Caine Road.

The little girl was walking at Albany Road on Saturday afternoon along with a companion of about her own age when the accused suddenly snatched the watch and ran down the road. The cries of the girl, who kept on the heels of the thief, attracted the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett, who happened to be coming up the road in a car.

TRAM CAR BLOW. NAVY MAN ASSAULTS CONDUCTOR.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a charge of assaulting a tramway conductor was preferred against George Mackerell, leading telegraphist of the H.M.S. *Marazion*.

It was stated that the assault took place as the accused was alighting from a tramcar near the Naval Canteen on Saturday afternoon. Accused denied knowledge of what took place as he claimed to have been under the influence of liquor. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

A NEW PROPELLER. SMART WORK BY KOWLOON DOCK.

The Douglas Steamship Company's steamer *Hai Ning* arrived from Swatow on Saturday, having curtailed the usual stay at Foochow. She was promptly docked on arrival here to have her propeller replaced by a new one.

The fact of the ship being "dressed" for Empire Day seemed to add a sense of undue importance to the occasion, the flags fluttering gaily in the breeze and making the "trial" something out of the ordinary for the fitting of a new propeller.

That the work was done by the Kowloon Dock Company in the able and efficient manner for which they are noted, was evidenced by the measured mile being covered in 18 1/2 knots.

WATCH STOLEN. EUROPEAN'S DRAWER RIFLED.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. C. C. Hickling, living at 3 Branksome Towers, May Road, that a sum of money and a watch amounting to a total value of \$58 were stolen from a drawer on Saturday night.

ROCK AT BOWLS. KOWLOON BLASTING INCIDENT. CONTRACTOR FINED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese foreman was charged with carrying out blasting operations near the Kowloon Docks without taking the necessary precautions.

Sub-Inspector Clark stated in evidence that he visited the scene at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and saw the charges being put in and heavy weights placed over them. An hour later witness was playing bowls at the Kowloon Dock when a large piece of rock fell into the ground.

DRIVE FOR FUNDS. CANTON BEGGARS' HOME.

A campaign to raise funds for the Canton asylums for the blind and the infirm, in which many Hongkong merchants often find their last refuge, is being put in hand in the Colony.

On Saturday, a joint meeting was held at the Chung Sing Benevolent Society when representatives of Chinese commerce were present in considerable numbers. Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and acting as representative for Mr. Li Yau-tsun (the Chamber's chairman) was appointed chairman pro tem of a combined association to embrace all Chinese business organizations in Hongkong.

It was agreed that grand theatrical performances be given by the amateurs of the Chung Sing Society and the Wing On Co. (old style opera) and the Lam Long Society (modern plays) to raise funds.

When an understanding is arrived at between the Colony and the asylums, it may be that Hongkong's beggars may be turned over so that these eyesores will no longer disfigure Hongkong's highways.

BREAK AT LAST. REPORTED CANTON FIGHTING. COMPLICATED SITUATION.

Public Safety Bureau Chief Visits Hongkong.

From reports received during the week-end it appears that hostilities have actually broken out between the non-Cantonese mercenaries and the Communist Kuomintang adherents of Dr. Sun who wield the civil power in Canton.

According to reliable sources, two brigades of Yunnanese have moved forward from the East River sector towards Swatow where they took over outposts in the territory of General Hsu Shung-chi, the Kuomintang commander, who drove out Chan Kwing-ming. Several detachments in the hinterland of Swatow are stated to have surrendered their arms to the Yunnanese without offering resistance. In other parts of the province there have been military movements on both sides. Commander Chu Pui-tak who leads a band loyal to the Kuomintang. Communists is said to be cut off from Canton through other Yunnanese making forced marches by night and occupying Shui-kwan to prevent his return by way of the North River and the Canton-Shui-kwan Railway.

General Wu Tschun, who is head of the Public Safety Bureau (Police Commissioner) in Canton is reported to have come down to Hongkong during the week-end. His name has always been associated with the Communists but although all the Kuomintang offices have been removed to the south side of the river, he remains in Canton city where the allied mercenaries—the Yunnanese and the Kwangsi-ites—are in power.

Canton merchants, reports the "China Mail" correspondent, have been discussing means to protect themselves should the worst come to pass.

It is the consensus of opinion that one side must make a move within a week or so at the most as the present impossible situation cannot last indefinitely. There is still another Yunnanese warlord come into the picture. This is General Fan Shek-sang, Canton's erstwhile strong man, who led an expedition into Kwangsi, to make for his native province where he wished to avenge the putting to death of his father by Tuchun Tang Chi-yao. Should General Fan take it into his head to return to the Kuomintang banner and fight his fellow provincials, there is a chance of Dr. Sun's followers holding out. To become the soldier of the hour, he would have to fight his way through hostile territory. Meanwhile the question is—Can the Kuomintang hold out in Honan with dwindling revenue and, on paper, inferior forces, while their superordinates are beyond the North and East Rivers and their ally is in Kwangsi? From what has been seen so far, it seems as if the Communists will endeavour to fight for a stand, such stand to be maintained by intrigue rather than military domination.

Happily, this time neither side has the sympathies of the civil population, who have had their lesson and prefer peace without persecution.

OPIMUM FIND. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, an order was made for the confiscation of 860 taels of prepared opium, valued at nearly \$8,000. The opium was found on the s.s. *Empress of Russia* by the Captain of the vessel, who handed it over to the police.

Baghdad, May 23.—Recent intermittent skirmishing developed into actual fighting yesterday, when the Kurds under Sheikh Mahmud determinedly attacked a Regiment of Irak Cavalry, between Sulaimani and Balebja. Aircraft co-operated with the Cavalry inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, who drew off by nightfall. The Cavalry's losses are comparatively slight. *Reuter*.

Brussels, May 23.—The Liberal M. Max, who urged the vote of censure on the Van de Vyvere Ministry, has agreed to attempt to solve the crisis. He has announced his intention of asking a Ministry composed of Liberals and a few outside Parliament as a temporary measure. *Reuter*.

A thirteen-year-old Chinese boy was ordered six strokes of the birch by Mr. S. B. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy this morning for attempting to obtain a free ride in a tramcar by showing a badge belonging to an employee of the Tramway Company.

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FLAG OF FREEDOM.

CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

EMPIRE DAY SERVICES.

Loyalty was the key-note of the address given at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday by the Rev. R. J. Northcott, Chaplain to the Forces, also of many other sermons of special significance given at other churches in view of Sunday being Empire Day.

It is a mistake to think that because a man is loyal to his own country he is disloyal to the greater ideal of the brotherhood of nations said the Chaplain to the Forces.

The opposite is, in fact, the case. Until a man has learnt loyalty to the smaller things he is not able to appreciate the larger things. Teach a man to love his own home, his own school, his own Regiment, and you need not worry about whether he is going to love his own country. And teach a man to love his own country and you will not find him unsympathetic to a greater vision of loyalty. Because loyalty is not a matter of terms. It is a matter of character. When you have got a loyal man you have got something you can depend on, something on which you can build.

To-day is Empire Day, and if you want to know what the British Empire is built upon, I will give it to you in one word, Loyalty. A simple and natural loyalty that is driven into the very foundations of the British character. A loyalty that starts at school and goes right on through life. The men who made the British Empire did not set out with the deliberate intention of making it the greatest Empire in the world. British people never had the ambitions of a Napoleon, or a German Emperor. They never had, they never will have, any particular wish to rule the world. The men who made the Empire great set out on their quest, for the most part, like a lot of school boys, driven by the love of ships, by the love of the sea, driven by the sheer love of adventure. But wherever they went, they went looking for something to fight back to back. And to every one of them the key-note of their faith was this, that one man should never let another man down. That is how British men came to be trusted all over the world. Because men began to realise that Britons were true to each other and as they were true to each other they were true also to their world. They might do many things they should not do, but this one thing you could always say about them, that wherever the British flag flew, there you could trust Britain, to the last ship, to the last man.

The speaker concluded by appealing to his hearers to recognise that the world kingdom of God was only a larger vision of that which had inspired our affection for our own home and our own country.

Beating The Big Drum
Empire Day was one on which it was easy for Britons either to beat the big drum too much or to grieve and belittle the efforts of our ancestors and ourselves, said the Rev. W. T. Featherstone in the course of an address at the Cathedral. He would ask them for a time to switch their minds away from this Empire and consider certain facts about the Universe—God's Empire—as, for example, revealed by modern astronomy and to consider how these modern revelations affected our ideas of God and of religion.

Giving figures showing that our Empire is the largest Empire on a dwarf earth revolving round a dwarf star and quoting eminent scientists who held that hundreds of millions of years had been required for the evolution of our own world with possibly a billion as the unit of time in the life history of a star, the speaker said that the first effect of this impression of vastness must be one of unselfishness and it was no wonder that

conventional theologians fought the new cosmology long and fiercely. It by no means followed that the foundations of faith were cut away from us in "the height, the depth, the gloom, the glory." Modern astronomy had demonstrated the oneness of the Universe. While it was true that "one star differeth from another star in glory," the same chemical elements were yet to be found in the atmospheres of giant and dwarf stars alike. Matter was subject to the same laws in the most distant part of the Universe as here on earth.

In conclusion the speaker said—On a day like this we do well to humble ourselves. In our Empire we have great responsibilities. The size of God's domain should not frighten us and make us feel hopeless. It should rather encourage us to use the spark of the divine spirit which is in each of us to His greater glory. When we take a big view of things troubles and trials seem trivial, sorrows sub away in soothing rest in the Lord Who is working His purposes out.

Let us therefore ascribe any honour we have, any might, any majesty, any dominion and power to Him henceforth and for evermore.

LAW, ORDER, LIBERTY.
That it behooved them all to renew on this day their deep sense of gratitude to an Empire under the flag of which could be enjoyed civil and religious freedom was the theme of the address of the Rev. Father Spada given yesterday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to children of many schools and a large number of adults also.

"We all know the Empire stands for law and justice," said the Rev. Father Spada. "These are the two strands of the cord that unite this whole mighty family of nations, independently of race or colour. Law, order, and liberty are the three watchwords of every true Briton, both in the Motherland and in Greater Britain over the seas. As to religious liberty—nothing is left to be desired. Our Holy Mother the Church is allowed to carry on her God-given Mission of uplifting fallen humanity without let or hindrance. If we ourselves feel quite safe in this beautiful little Colony, it is due solely to the fact that the Empire flag floats proudly over our island home, and that small portion of territory across the water.

It behoves us then, dear children, to renew on this Civil Festival of Empire Day our deep sense of loyalty to the Crown and gratitude to those at present responsible for the maintenance of the grand traditions of that Empire on which the sun never sets. May loyalty to the flag be ever one of the outstanding characteristics of our Schools located in this tiny outpost of the Empire. We have recently had striking proof of this warm feeling of loyalty and practical patriotism that pervades the whole Empire and welds its several parts into one. The Wembley Exhibition has revealed and will continue to reveal to ourselves and the whole world that thought the British Empire is widely scattered it is in heart and mind closely united. We read day by day of the enthusiastic receptions accorded H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the different parts of the Empire which he honours with his presence. Everywhere the Prince has had evidence of that pride of race, that unity of sentiment and purpose, that feeling of common loyalty and obligation, that eager desire to claim a share, as we all are, in the glories of a great Empire with a past, and it may be, a greater future. It must not be forgotten, dear children, that the youth of to-day will be the spine of that hoped for greater future. It will be up to them to see to it not only that Britons never shall be slaves but that they uphold this high standard of freedom and passionate love of justice or fair play set them by their ancestors, and bring others to have a share in that liberty-loving spirit of which they are the fortunate possessors.

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It behoves us then, dear children, to renew on this Civil Festival of Empire Day our deep sense of loyalty to the Crown and gratitude to those at present responsible for the maintenance of the grand traditions of that Empire on which the sun never sets. May loyalty to the flag be ever one of the outstanding characteristics of our Schools located in this tiny outpost of the Empire. We have recently had striking proof of this warm feeling of loyalty and practical patriotism that pervades the whole Empire and welds its several parts into one. The Wembley Exhibition has revealed and will continue to reveal to ourselves and the whole world that thought the British Empire is widely scattered it is in heart and mind closely united. We read day by day of the enthusiastic receptions accorded H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the different parts of the Empire which he honours with his presence. Everywhere the Prince has had evidence of that pride of race, that unity of sentiment and purpose, that feeling of common loyalty and obligation, that eager desire to claim a share, as we all are, in the glories of a great Empire with a past, and it may be, a greater future. It must not be forgotten, dear children, that the youth of to-day will be the spine of that hoped for greater future. It will be up to them to see to it not only that Britons never shall be slaves but that they uphold this high standard of freedom and passionate love of justice or fair play set them by their ancestors, and bring others to have a share in that liberty-loving spirit of which they are the fortunate possessors.

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If the civic and moral virtues are not inculcated in the morning of life. The sterling qualities of courage, discipline, patience, determination, reverence for public law and respect for national rights, have gone to make the Empire what it is to-day, these same qualities and these alone can maintain it. The founder of the Empire Day movement stresses this when he says "Lack of discipline in youth tends to self-indulgence in later years, creating idle, selfish, pleasure-seekers among the rich, and tramps, loafers, corner-boys and hooligans among the poorer classes. Let us bear in mind, the Earl concludes, that no nation can be permanently strong which is founded on the quicksands of indiscipline." Thence it can easily be inferred what a heavy responsibility devolves on those in the Empire who have in their hands the moulding of youthful character from the nursery to the University lecture-hall. You, dear children, are being educated by men and women who devote their entire lives unsparingly and ungrudgingly to the noble and difficult task of Education. To them, therefore, you owe a deep debt of gratitude which you should manifest by loyalty and willing obedience. They, for their part, will see to it that the forces, moral and physical, which have gone to build the world's greatest Empire, continue to be actively engaged in its preservation. Its decline or fall will begin only when the morals of the citizens composing it will begin to decline. However, the efforts of those entrusted with your upbringing will be unavailing if your co-operation, dear children, is wanting.

Therefore you should regard the rules laid down for the regulation of your conduct in the class room, on the playground, on the sports field or elsewhere, not as so many restrictions on your liberty depriving you of many privileges, but as an effective training necessary to fit you for the duties of future citizenship in the Empire. These duties fall under three heads—those towards the Creator, those towards the neighbour and those towards ourselves. We are bound to worship the one, true and living God by Faith, Hope, Charity and Religion. Man must not live for himself alone. It is his duty to live for the welfare of all others as well as of himself. We have obligations in regard to ourselves, the principle of which in the words of the poet Tennyson are "self-reverence; self-knowledge and self-control."

While the citizens of the British Empire hold fast to these precepts they can look to the future of the Motherland and to that of nations that have sprung from her with the greatest hope and confidence.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES.
The two biggest services for children held in connection with the local observance of Empire Day yesterday were those at St. John's Cathedral and the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, both of which were packed.

Two choirs, that of the Cathedral and St. Peter's, attended the service at St. John's Cathedral and there were present quite 500 children in all, many schools being represented and troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. The address was given by the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner of the Hongkong Boy Scouts' Association.

The schools participating in the service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception were as follows:—Garrison School of Hongkong, St. Joseph's English College, Italian Convent, St. Francis' School (Wanchai), St. Mary's School (Kowloon), Students of the Cathedral Seminary, St. Louis' Industrial School (West Point), Aberdeen Chinese School, Shaikwan Chinese School, Kai Lap

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"DELTA"	8,097	17th July at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,098	17th July at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SUDAN"	8,696	28th Aug. at Noon	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	8,098	28th Aug. at Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp
"MACDONIA"	11,089	28th Aug. at Noon	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & B'bay
"SICILIA"	8,313	31st Sept. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,314	18th Sept. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"TRYPHON"	8,314	18th Sept. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	17th Oct. at Noon	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp
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"KASHMIR"	8,098	17th Oct. at Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SUDAN"	8,696	28th Nov. at Noon	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
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"TANDA"	8,058	21st June at Noon	Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	21st June at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	10th July at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SODAN"	8,696	10th July at Noon	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,098	11th July at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACDONIA"	11,089	24th July at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SICILIA"	8,313	7th Aug. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	8,314	7th Aug. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TRYPHON"	8,314	7th Aug. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	21st Aug. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	4th Sept. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SODAN"	8,696	11th Sept. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	11th Sept. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	2nd Oct. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SODAN"	8,696	10th Oct. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	17th Oct. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	1st Nov. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	7th Nov. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SODAN"	8,696	14th Nov. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,098	14th Nov. at Noon	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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The first ball will be rung at 3 p.m.

each day.

The charge for admission to the

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Members are advised that they must

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The B. F. s.s. "Astyanax" arrived at

London on May 22.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Singa-

pore for this port yesterday at 10 a.m.

with the outward English Mail, and is

due here on May 28 at about 10 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Titan" from Liverpool

left Singapore on May 23 for this port

and is due here on May 23.

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obtained.

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Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the

2nd June, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must

be presented to the Undersigned on or

before 15th June, or they will not

be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged

Goods are to be left in the Godowns,

where they will be examined on the

2nd June, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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ned by

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1925.

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being landed and placed at their risk

into the hazardous and/or extra

hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,

where delivery can be obtained as soon

as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the

goods have left the Godowns, and all

goods remaining undelivered after the

30th of May, 1925, 4 p.m. will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged

goods are to be left in the Godowns,

where they will be examined by Messrs.

Anderson & A'be on the 29th of

May, 1925, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be

presented to the Undersigned before the

3rd of June, 1925, or they will not

be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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SPIRIT OF EMPIRE.

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KING AT WEMBLEY.

Eighty Thousand People See Colourful Pageant.

While Hongkong has been quietly celebrating Empire Day, there have been picturesque doings in London.

SOLEMN CEREMONY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 24. The Empire Day celebration service at the Wembley Stadium this afternoon was a solemn and impressive ceremony in spite of the chilly and showery weather. Eighty thousand people were present.

The King, in field marshal's uniform, was accompanied by the Queen, Prince Henry, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess

The Archbishop of York, in an address, described the true Imperial spirit, "honour all men, love brotherhood, fear God, and honour the King."

EARLIER CABLES.

London, May 23.

Empire Day celebrations were held yesterday in many parts of the country. The chief London function was a gathering of a thousand school children at the Guildhall, where they were addressed by the Lord Mayor and the President of the Board of Education. The celebrations are



His Majesty in Field Marshal's Uniform.

Mary and Viscount Lascelles, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, Lord Cave (Lord Chancellor), Mr. L. M. S. Amery (Secretary for Colonies), Mr. W. W. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) and Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (President of the Board of Trade).

A massed choir of 3,000 voices and the massed bands of the guards, marine and air force supplied the music.

A procession headed by the mounted band of the Household Cavalry preceded the State trumpet, who were followed by mounted police, the Legion of Frontiersmen, the Earl of Meath, Beefeaters and blinded ex-Servicemen. An ecclesiastical procession followed.

being continued over the weekend, culminating on Sunday in a thanksgiving service at Wembley Stadium, at which their Majesties the King and Queen will be present.

Mr. Amery, in a speech at an Empire Day dinner, emphasised the importance of the nations of the world recognising the nations of the Empire as their equals, and also the importance of insisting on that recognition. He believed that the time would come when many nations outside the orbit of the Empire would voluntarily seek admission to the partnership.

Moscow, May 23.—The Soviet Supreme Court has dismissed the appeal of the Sinclair Oil Company from the decision of the Moscow High Court annulling its concession in Saghalien.—Reuter.

AERIAL DASH TO NORTH POLE.



Los Angeles, May 24.

Mr. Haakon Hammer, who was associated with Captain Amundsen's previous flights and led the Amundsen relief expedition in 1923, has telegraphed to the Navy Department in Washington asking for co-operation and the services of an expert Arctic flier, if necessary, to assist the explorer.—Reuter's American Service. (Our photograph shows Capt. Amundsen pointing out the route of his aerial dash to the North Pole which began on Friday night.)

REIGN OF TERROR.

ABDEL KRIM'S HEAVY HAND.

TRIBES UNBEASY.

LOSSES COOL THEIR ARDOUR.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, May 24.

A message from Rabat states that the Rifis are continuing their concentrations, but their ardour is diminished owing to the losses they have sustained.

Abdel Krim has introduced a reign of terror among the tribes showing slackness, but the submission of the Atlas tribe has deeply impressed the rebels.

A French column, after relieving Upper Wergba posts, hotly engaged a force of 5,000 Rifis whom it drove off in spite of counter attacks. The enemy's losses were heavy.

M. Malvy has returned to Paris from Spain. He refused to discuss Moroccan affairs and Franco-Spanish relations. He declared he was reserving his impressions for M. Painleve, the Premier.

OFFICIALS LACONIC.

LATER.

A communiqué issued after the meeting between M. Malvy and M. Painleve laconically says:—

"M. Malvy has formed important friendly relations with Spain and brings back very interesting information regarding Franco-Spanish relations which is being considered by the Cabinet on May 26."

EARLIER CABLES.

PARIS, May 23.

The newspapers continue preoccupied with the position in Morocco. Le Matin's Madrid correspondent says that the Malvy mission has resulted in an agreement, not providing for Franco-Spanish military collaboration, but authorising France to pursue the rebels into the Spanish zone.

Le Journal says that a close Franco-Spanish blockade by land and sea alone will bring the Rifis to their senses.

On the other hand, Oeuvre Homme Libre hopes that there will be no such collaboration, and opines that France is strong enough to act alone. Telegrams from Rabat state that new enemy movements Northwards are reported.

SOVIE. MAIL.

FOREIGN POWERS' COOLNESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, May 24.

The "Izvestia" states that several powers in normal relations with Russia recently refused visas to representatives of Soviet economic organizations thus injuring the development of economic intercourse.

Many responsible representatives of Soviet firms had been obliged to cease work and leave England owing to the refusal to prolong their visas.

France and Sweden were apparently adopting the same policy.

BELGIAN POLITICS.

POSSIBLE DEADLOCK SOLUTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRUSSELS, May 24.

The National Council of the Liberal Party, after a lengthy discussion passed a resolution admitting the possibility of settling the political crisis by the forming of an emergency temporary extra-parliamentary Cabinet which the Party should judge by its composition and programme.

F Penang, May 23.—Do Pinedo has arrived.—Reuter.

Moscow, May 24.—Rosta News Agency states that with the view to studying the problem of air communication between Russia and the Far East, a squadron of six aeroplanes, of which three have been constructed in Soviet work-shops, leaves on a flight to Peking via Mongolia and the Gobi desert, on June 10.—Reuter.

Quimper, May 24.—Two life-boats, which went to the assistance of two small vessels in a violent storm, were squashed by great waves, overturned and wrecked. Several of the crew, roped to the benches, were sucked down and drowned. The remainder were dashed against the rocks and perished. Only one was rescued. Mentioning the two vessels wrecked, twelve men of the Quimper fishing crew were drowned.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DISASTER.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE HAVOC.

TOWNS ABLAZE.

Severity Equals Great Shock of Two Years Ago.

In many places as severe as the great shock of 1923, another terrible earthquake has occurred in Japan.

PANIC OF POPULACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Osaka, May 23.

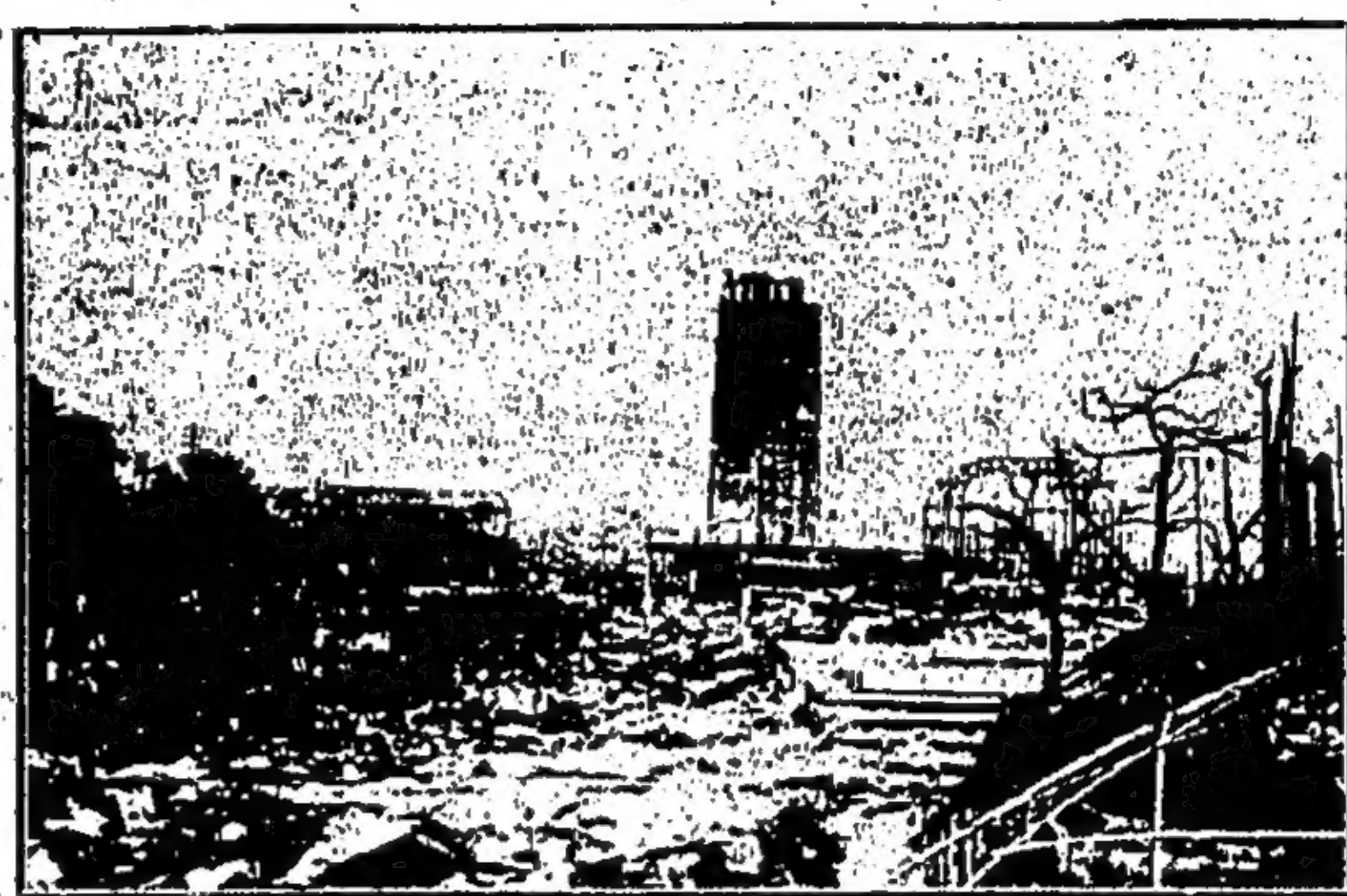
A heavy earthquake was felt at 11.10, lasting three minutes. People were terrified for a while. Such a big quake had not been experienced in Osaka for a decade. A severe shock was also felt at Kobe, but Tokyo and Yokohama were not affected.

Latest reports show that the earthquake seriously affected an

the first shock, the town was set afire, followed by a great stampede. The whole town is ablaze, and it is feared there are hundreds of casualties.

Relief Being Sent.

The destroyer Enoki has been ordered to proceed to the coast with supplies; the Sagami likewise. The amount of insurance is not large; it is estimated at about one million Yen. The insurance companies here are not likely to pay even a penny. The extent of the damage done



A scene in Tokyo after the 1923 disaster.

area confined to the province of Tajima, on the coast of the Japan Sea. It is reported that two hundred houses collapsed in the town of Toyooka, where fire broke out in many places. Severe damage is reported from other towns in the same province.

Little is known as regards casualties from the earthquake, but it is believed they are comparatively few, because the province of Tajima and neighbourhood is not thickly populated. There are no crowded cities. The District is mountainous and the industry of importance is sericulture, where the finest silk is pro-

duced. Sericulture is economically most important, but as at present unascertainable. It is estimated that two hundred were killed and five hundred injured in Toyooka. There were many hundreds of casualties at Kinosaki, where an extensive fire broke out. The whole town was ablaze and a great stampede followed.

Seismological observations indicate that the earthquake was caused by landslide.

Recorded at Bandani.

Faenza, May 23.

The seismological instruments at Bandani recorded during last night a violent shock lasting two



Havoc of the 1923 earthquake.

duced. Damage to reebers is unknown.

Famous Hot Spring Devastated. Railways, telephones and telegraphs are all interrupted between Osaka and the earthquake area.

It is most difficult to obtain a comprehensive story, but scraps of news reaching here from railway stations and post offices show that the railways, tunnels, tracks and stations have been seriously damaged. In many places the severity appears equal to that of the great earthquake of September, 1923, especially around the town of Toyooka, with a population of ten thousand, where the railway station half collapsed and the post office was set on fire. The town appears to be in flames, also Kinosaki, the famous alkaline hot spring, which is reported to be totally devastated. Seismological observations tend to show that the cause of the earthquake was a landslide. Relief is being rushed from Osaka and other towns.

Town and Village on Fire.

Osaka, May 24.

An aeroplane, with reporters and photographers, just returned here, confirms that the disaster was similar in intensity to that of September, 1923, only on a smaller scale. The town of Toyooka, seen from above, was a mass of flames and one or two other smaller towns and villages were also observed to be afire. Thousands of refugees from Toyooka are crowding the open spaces here and there. Toyooka girls' school has collapsed, and it is feared many girls perished.

The number of dead in the whole town is estimated at two hundred, and the wounded at a figure that cannot be ascertained. Troops were called out from neighbouring regiments. Refugees from Kinosaki—hot spring say that immediately after

hours, about 4,400 miles away.

Desolate Ruins.

Osaka, May 24. The fire at Toyooka and Kinosaki has burned out, reducing the whole town and resort to desolate ruins. Seismologists declare that there is no fear of a further shock. Communications are quickly being restored. Relief has been extended to thousands of sufferers.

Honeymoon Couples Killed.

Refugees from Kinosaki hot spring tell most pathetic stories of the quake there. It appears to have been more terrible than anywhere, they say. "Almost all the hotels came down on the first shock and bathers rushed out naked and a large number were soon enveloped in suffocating smoke. At Kinosaki railway station many travellers perished, including young honeymoon couples. The cargo-master of Kinosaki is begging newspapermen to create public opinion in favour of full payment of insurance claims which, he says, amount to ten million Yen in Kinosaki alone."

Telegrams of enquiry and sympathy from friends abroad are pouring into Osaka and Kobe. However, those cities are absolutely safe and undamaged in life and property. The earthquake area is not larger than twenty-five square miles containing a population of 78,000, where in the total casualties are estimated at 1,500 and the total damage to property at Yen 70,000,000.

Why, Kinosaki, exclaimed the Sunday School teacher, "don't you say your prayers every night before you go to bed?" "Not any more," replied Kinosaki, "I used to when I slept in a fold-bed, though."

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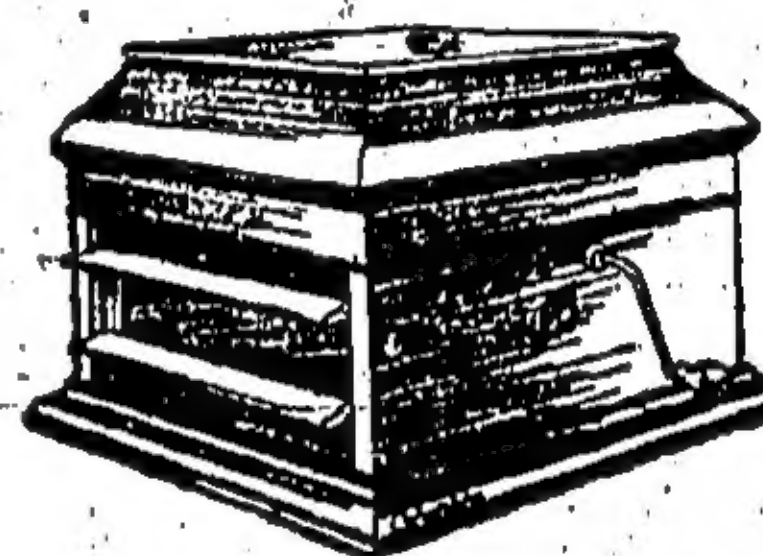
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Hongkong

LOCAL SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG'S SECOND VICTORY.

INNINGS BY STEWART.

As enabled by Renter, the Hongkong cricket team who won the interport at Shanghai, subsequently beat a team captained by Mr. G. M. Billings, President of the Shanghai C.C., by 7 runs.

In the match Hongkong did not call upon E. B. Reed, Captain R. F. Walker and Captain H. E. Hollands and Captain C. D. Armstrong, the "spare" men and Captain C. J. F. Bensley, the Gunner adjutant who went up to umpire. E. F. Stewart scored 115 not out.

HONGKONG.

H. E. Hollands, c Peck, b Billings, 20
Capt. C. D. Armstrong, b Murphy, 41
H. N. Balhatchet, b Billings, 0
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Brady, b Baring, 15
Capt. C. J. F. Bensley, c Brady, b Billings, 7
A. W. Ramsay, c Taft, b Billings, 2
E. F. Stewart (not out), 115
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Lanning, b Baring, 16
A. J. Stripp, c Baker, b Billings, 46
Lt.-Col. G. E. L. Hargreaves, c A. C. I. Bowker, did not bat.

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 273

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
G. M. Billings, 26.3 2 104
H. C. B. Peck, 10 0 51
H. Baring, 11 20 32
W. G. R. Murphy, 5 0 21
F. L. Wainwright, 3 0 18
W. H. Taft, 3 0 14

SHANGHAI.

A. E. Lanning, c Stripp, b Bowker, 75
J. M. Peniston, c Stewart, b Hargreaves, 19
F. L. Wainwright, c Balhatchet, b Bowker, 30
G. A. Dunkley, st. Stripp, b Quick, 67
H. W. Brady, c Ramsay, b Quick, 16
H. Baring, c Ramsay, b Bowker, 0
A. E. Baker, b Quick, 14
W. H. Taft, b Bowker, 8
G. M. Billings, not out, 8
H. C. B. Peck, c Bowker, b Balhatchet, 2
W. G. R. Murphy, run out, 1
Extras, 22

Total, 266

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
G. E. L. Hargreaves, 9 2 43
H. N. Balhatchet, 18.1 3 53
Rev. E. K. Quick, 12 0 62
A. C. I. Bowker, 16 1 58
H. E. Hollands, 3 0 17
E. F. Stewart, 3 0 11

As the result of the interport cricket match Hongkong is congratulated by the "North China Daily News" on "a splendid and memorable victory." Details of the closing scenes, with some comments on the match as a whole are reproduced from our contemporary of last Wednesday's date:

When stumps were drawn on Monday evening the interport cricket match was in a critical condition. Shanghai wanted 17 runs for a win, and had only one wicket to fall, and accordingly there was tense excitement at 11.30 yesterday (Tuesday) when the struggle was resumed.

H. Rogerson defended the south wicket against the bowling of Bowker, and was partnered by T. W. R. Wilson. He started scoring a single, and then Bowker got Wilson somewhere between the chest and pit of his stomach, and for quite a few minutes play was at a standstill until the latter recovered. Then Wilson scored and the total crept slowly upward through further singles.

Reed came on to bowl at the pavilion end, and the field was closed in to allow of no chances being taken. Wilson hit a single, and then Rogerson raised applause by getting a couple—a lucky one off a mis-hit ball.

The batsmen had scored nine between them when Bowker came on again at the south end. Wilson swiped at the first ball he received, it went sky high, and the bowler running out caught it. So Hongkong won by seven runs, and Bowker was chaired by his fellow players as the team left the field.

Some Stray Comments.
The glorious uncertainty of cricket has seldom better been exemplified in the Far East than in the interport match between Hongkong, which was concluded yesterday (Tuesday) morning and

which resulted in Hongkong gaining a noteworthy victory. Hongkong, in their first venture, underwent a partial collapse in the early stages; it seemed that the whole side would be dismissed for a total quite unworthy of interport cricket; and then Ramsay and Bowker, in turn, went resolutely for the bowling and by their joint efforts were largely instrumental in bringing the aggregate of the innings to a respectable size. The supporters of Shanghai seemed to think that in facing a first innings total of 145 the local players would not have too difficult a task, despite the knowledge that in the Hongkong side were at least three first-class bowlers. However, as the early batsmen of Hongkong had failed, so also did those of Shanghai, and but for a foundation of 32 laid by "H.B.O.", a useful 21 by Burns, and a wonderful 82 not out by Shanghai's most popular cricketer, Dr. W. E. O'Hara, the local response must have been ignominiously small. We feel we are saying no more than the truth in stating that, bearing in mind the poor start that had been made, Shanghai's first innings rejoinder of 167 was both surprising and pleasing.

"Nothing Easy."
With a harder and faster wicket on Monday, every one expected Hongkong to make amends for the paucity of their first innings result by piling up a fairly big score; but again the opening batsmen failed more or less, and four good wickets were down for less than 60 runs. Again did two, and two only, of their players make most of the runs—Morris and Hargreaves, but even with these two making 81 between them the whole side was almost scuttled out for 127. This left Shanghai needing only 196 to win. The general opinion (the quality of the Hongkong bowling notwithstanding) was "Easy," and so it seemed; but later reflection gives one to the conclusion that nothing is easy where Messrs. Bowker, Reid & Co. are concerned.

The five players who are considered to be our best batsmen managed to get 43 between them; Dr. O'Hara was sent back without scoring—in itself a grievous disappointment—and but for that evergreen veteran H. W. Allison, with one of the younger generation of players in Rogerson, the ignominy aforementioned would have been ours. Eight wickets were down for 89 and then that incomparable passive obstructionist Barnes, whose association with O'Hara in the first innings will be remembered for years, went in to repeat his tactics; but it was not to be and he was dismissed for a blob. Seventeen runs needed to win, and with only the fall of the wicket of Rogerson or of T. W. R. Wilson needed to bring about defeat!

Exciting Finish.
That was the situation on Monday night when stumps were drawn, and it was a situation as interesting and exciting as could possibly be imagined.

On Tuesday morning came the grand finale, and it did not take long. Rogerson was fairly certain to keep his end up, and on the ability of the mercurial Wilson to do likewise there was some uncertainty. Rogerson proceeded to garner singles as he had been expected to do, and, to the surprise of many, Wilson commenced to do likewise. Then came that fast ball from Bowker which caught Wilson in the pit of the stomach (we are not absolutely certain of the anatomical significance of the term) which must have shaken him considerably, but still he played well and soundly. Then followed the mighty swipe which got a little too much under the ball (from the Shanghai viewpoint, of course) and "Torry's" day's cricketing was done, and done well. There was a slight whisper after the match that he should not have hit as he did. But why not? It might have gone for six—and then, the applause! Wilson, at bat, is a live, throbbing, palpitating and aggressive person to whom is completely foreign the calm, the stoicism, the stone-wallism and the imperturbability of a Barnes or the patience of a Divecha. Let him be given every credit for having done his best; he might have hit off the runs required in a single over—he has done it before; and that, on this occasion, he did not do so is as much a matter for congratulation to Hongkong as commiseration to Shanghai.

Fielding Superior.
It is difficult to find terms sufficiently appreciative of the general standard of fielding in the match, on both sides, for to do so would need a paragraph of superlatives. There were a few minor slips, of course, but on the whole the standard of fielding was equal to that in any interport match for many years. And also with the bowling. The low scores, coupled

with the names of the batsmen who have been playing, are sufficiently indicative of the quality of the bowling. Every bowler who was tried (and we believe there were some good ones on the Hongkong side who were not) was good, but the palm must go to Bowker, Reid, O'Hara, Rogerson and Allison.

Bravo, Hongkong!
And, finally, let us congratulate Hongkong on a splendid and memorable victory. Except towards the very end of the match, they have been fighting an uphill fight all along, and that they succeeded so wonderfully at the end is a tribute to both their ability and their tenacity. We should like to have won, of course, and for that reason we hope the Hongkong players will pardon us if we temper our unstinted congratulations to them with a small meed of sympathy to our own men for the fact that although they have done their best, they have just failed.

The full scores of the match were as follows:

Hongkong—1st Innings.
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Barnes, b O'Hara, 13
E. F. Stewart, c Wilson, b Rogerson, 13
Captain R. H. P. West, b O'Hara, 0
Captain E. W. Morris, c and b O'Hara, 6
A. W. Ramsay, b Allison, 39
Lt.-Col. G. E. L. Hargreaves, c Morris, b O'Hara, 10
A. J. Stripp, c Morris, b Wilson, 7
H. N. Balhatchet, c Barnes, b Divecha, 18
A. C. I. Bowker, b Allison, 38
Captain R. F. Walker, c O'Hara, b Divecha, 0
E. B. Reed, not out, 0
Extras, 1

Total, 145

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
O'Hara, 25 9 67 4
Wilson, 12 2 29 1
Rogerson, 10 1 25 1
Allison, 11 4 24 2
Morris, 1 1 0 0
Divecha, 2 0 9 2

SHANGHAI—1st Innings.

H. B. Ollerdesen, b Bowker, 32
M. J. Divecha, c Bowker, b Walker, 10
A. J. W. Evans, b Reed, 0
Dr. H. H. Morris, b Walker, 4
J. H. Raikes, b Bowker, 7
D. C. Burn, c Balhatchet, b Quick, 21
H. Rogerson, st. Stripp, b Quick, 14
H. W. Allison, b Bowker, 5
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, not out, 62
T. W. R. Wilson, b Reed, 3
E. G. Barnes, lb.w., by Walker, 0
Extras, 9

Total, 167

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Bowker, 16 1 53 3
Reed, 22 3 54 2
Walker, 11.3 1 21 3
Quick, 6 0 23 2
Hargreaves, 1 0 7 0

Hongkong—2nd Innings.

Rev. E. K. Quick, lb.w., b O'Hara, 6
E. F. Stewart, c O'Hara, b Wilson, 14
Capt. R. H. P. West, c and b O'Hara, 4
Capt. E. W. Morris, c Ollerdesen, b Allison, 41
A. W. Ramsay, b Divecha, 8
Lt.-Col. G. E. L. Hargreaves, b Rogerson, 40
A. C. I. Bowker, b O'Hara, 0
A. J. Stripp, run out, 4
H. N. Balhatchet, b Rogerson, 3
Capt. R. F. Walker, not out, 2
E. B. Reed, b Rogerson, 0
Extras, 5

Total, 127

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Wilson, 15 3 34 1
O'Hara, 21 5 30 3
Rogerson, 9.5 4 17 3
Divecha, 8 2 18 1
Morris, 3 0 9 0
Allison, 11 6 14 1

Shanghai—2nd Innings.

H. B. Ollerdesen, lb.w., b Bowker, 0
A. J. W. Evans, b Reed, 11
Dr. H. H. Morris, b Bowker, 12
Dr. H. H. Morris, b Reed, 9
D. C. Burn, b Bowker, 11
J. H. Raikes, run out, 0
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, lb.w., b Bowker, 0
H. Rogerson, not out, 20
H. W. Allison, b Reed, 28
E. G. Barnes, c Stripp, b Reed, 0
T. W. R. Wilson, c and b Bowker, 4
Extras, 8

Total, 93

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Bowker, 18.1 1 47 5
Reed, 15 1 37 4
Walker, 2 0 11 0

On returning from a holiday in London, a man was relating his experiences to his friends, and said: "I got my penny back on the weighing machine in London."

The friend: "What, the ones where you place a pointer to guess your correct weight?"

The man: "Yes, that's it, but I had to have two goes."

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

FAVOURABLE BALANCE IN HAND.

With the curtain drawn down definitely on football for another season no time has been lost by the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Football League in compiling the annual report and balance sheet for presentation to the annual general meeting to be held in the board room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Ice House Street, on Thursday, May 28, at 5.30 p.m.

The business will comprise (1) minutes of general meeting held in 1924; (2) annual report and balance sheet; (3) election of officers for the ensuing year; (4) alteration to rules; and (5) other business.

The report states:—
"As far as the accounts are concerned they show very little difference to last season, but it must be remembered that fewer teams entered, the non-entry of the Navy being under the new ruling. This season also the League only had one gate allotted to them, as against three arranged last season."

"The teams on the whole fulfilled their fixtures well, and the season closed up to date. There was again a shortage of referees, and the thanks of the League are due to those gentlemen who so willingly undertook charge of the games, on many occasions officiating in two games on one afternoon."

"The foregoing may at first sight seem a colourless report to those who have worked behind the scenes in Leagues elsewhere. Yet, there is a wealth of information in it. It is a masterpiece in a way, on which Mr. Hollands and his colleagues on the Committee of the League are to be heartily congratulated. It has been a season of complete success from the viewpoint of the interests of the game, and that is indeed something to be grateful for in these days of keen competition."

We have been associated actively with Leagues in which the season was one long succession of disputes either over the rules or over the referees. Only recently an upset was caused in one of the Indian Leagues which resulted in all the European teams withdrawing. The Hongkong League has escaped all these trials and tribulations during the season just ended, which is ample testimony that the conduct of the game is vested in the right hands. From the statement of accounts it will be seen that the finances have practically balanced in spite of only one gate being allotted the League against the three previous seasons. As a result of careful finance there is a cash balance of over \$40, which brings the balance in bank on April 30 to \$1,321.08—an excellent showing, on which those responsible deserve the thanks of the whole of the Clubs forming the League.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

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Bank Interest \$ 14.81
Balance in Hand May 1, 1924 1,218.09
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Referees' Fees 181.00
Messrs. Fattorini for medals etc. 593.30
Balance in Bank 30.4.25 1,321.08
Cash in Hand 41.45
Total \$2,376.58

Assets.

By Cash in Hand \$ 41.45
Balance in Bank 30.4.25 1,321.08
Outstanding Dinner Account 23.40
Total \$1,385.88

Liabilities.

Unpresented cheques \$ 207.50
Balance of assets over liabilities 1,178.38
Total \$1,385.88

W. E. HOLLANDS,

Acting Treasurer.

I, the undersigned, have examined the books and vouchers of the League, and am satisfied that the above balance sheet shows the true financial position of the League up to 30.4.25.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Auditor.

LAWN BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

C.C.C. WIN AGAIN.

There was again a full programme of League games played on Saturday. In the First Division Craigengower continued their sequence of wins by defeating Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 17 points.

The Taihook Recreation Club were the guests of the Kowloon C.C., and returned winners by six points in a match attended by fluctuating scores. Bad luck attended the K.C.C. in the second game, which gave the visitors a good lead.

The Civil Service C.C. visited the Kowloon Dock R.C., the result being a win for the home side by 9 points. For the C.S.C.C. Mill's rink started by being 6 down, but soon took the lead, drew level, and finished 2 up. In the second game the visitors (Grimmitt, skip) were 7 up for the third head, and at the fourteenth they led 15-6; but, failing to add to their score, the home side (Johnstone, skip) drew level later and finished with a lead of 3. In the last game, the home side (Lapsley, skip) were 15 up on the fifth head; the visitors (Deakin, skip) improved gradually by reducing the difference to 8.

Taihook second string proved too strong for the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The Police managed to defeat the East Point Club by seven points.

At home the Indians gained a runaway victory over the Yacht Club. The feature of this game was Ismail's easy win over Adams. At the 13th head the former was leading by 23-1. For the last eight heads sixteen points were scored, the winners scoring 13 and the losers three.

FIRST DIVISION.

Craigengower v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Played at Happy Valley.
Craigengower. Kowloon B.G.
Fritz. Smith.
Rodrigues. Nish.
Rose. Duncan.
Basa. Farrell.
(S.) 20 (S.) 19
Neves. Hazel.
Souza. Thurston.
Green. Simpson.
Bradbury. Whibley.
(S.) 25 (S.) 17
Muskett. Muir.
Rosalet. McIntosh.
Dennis. Holland.
McFarlane. Guy.
(S.) 24 (S.) 16

Total... 69 Total... 52

Kowloon C.C. v. Taihook.

K.C.C. T.R.C.
J. C. Fletcher. J. Sloan.
J. A. Howe. T. Peterson.
J. Gibson. G. Morrison.
A. G. Pile. R. Wallace.
(S.) 21 (S.) 20
C. Whiteley. J. Laing.
P. W. Ramsay. W. Seath.
A. O. Brown. W. Weir.
J. Fraser. J. Ferguson.
(S.) 8 (S.) 26
J. P. Robinson. H. Dinnin.
L. E. Lammett. T. Grimshaw.
R. E. Nicholls. J. Russell.
J. Hyde. W. Wotherspoon.
(S.) 26 (S.) 15

Total... 55 Total... 61

Civil Service v. Kowloon Dock.

C.S.C.C. K.D.R.C.
Smith. McKelvie.
Stanley. Henderson.
Knight. Gow.
Mill. Puncheon.
(S.) 21 (S.) 19
Massey. G. Puncheon.
P. Knight. Cullen.
Gregory. Hamilton.
Grimmitt. Johnstone.
(S.) 15 (S.) 13
Oswick. Gourlay.
Alderman. Docherty.
Allen. Keith.
Deakin. Lapsley.
(S.) 22 (S.) 30

Total... 58 Total... 67

SECOND DIVISION.

Taihook R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

Taihook. Kowloon C.C.
Stewart. Goodwin.
McKechnie. Benson.
Mathew. Jack.
T. Young. Goldenburg.
(S.) 26 (S.) 12
Stewart. Robson.
Mitchell. Harrison.
Chapman. Gorvin.
McFarlane. Barclay.
(S.) 20 (S.) 26

Total... 74 Total... 52

Indian R.C. v. R.H.K. Yacht Club.

I.R.C. R.H.K.Y.C.

Bux. Williamson.
Ismail. Vaux.
Ram. Andrew.
D. Rumjahn. Shellshear.
(S.) 27 (S.) 15
Madar. Dixon.
Kharas. McI. Messer.
Harteam. Jamie.
Omar. Carpenter.
(S.) 17 (S.) 17
Espina. Petley.
Nazarin. White.
Hyder. Paton.
Ismail. Adams.
(S.) 36 (S.) 4

Total... 80 Total... 36

East Point R.C. v. Police R.C.

Barclay. Blackmah.
Thorburn. Logan.
Williamson. Grant.
Fowler. West.
(S.) 28 (S.) 21
Whitton. Post.
Webster. Whant.
Glen. Mair.
Forbes. J. Clarke.
(S.) 7 (S.) 20
G. M. Shaw. Sword.
Douglas. Glendinning.
McKellar. Reid.
Hamilton. A. Clarke.
(S.) 19 (S.) 20

Total... 54 Total... 61

LEAGUE TABLES.

DIVISION I.

Craigengower C.C. 4 3 0 0 8
Taihook R.C. 4 3 0 0 6
Kowloon Dock R.C. 4 2 1 1 5
Kowloon B.G.C. 4 1 2 3 3
Civil Service C.C. 4 0 0 0 0

DIVISION II.

Police R.C. 4 4 0 0 8
Kowloon C.C. 4 3 0 1 6
Taihook R.C. 3 2 0 1 4
Indian R.C. 3 1 0 2 2
East Point R.C. 3 0 0 3 0
R.H.K.Y.C. 3 0 0 3 0

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.

DIVISION I.

Craigengower C.C. 288 189 99 0 0
Taihook R.C. 268 203 65 0 0
Kowloon Dock R.C. 240 221 19 0 0
Kowloon B.G.C. 211 256 0 45 0
Civil Service C.C. 204 277 0 73 0

DIVISION II.

Police R.C. 279 197 82 0 0
Kowloon C.C. 243 223 20 0 0
Taihook R.C. 182 174 8 0 0
Indian R.C. 190 153 37 0 0
East Point R.C. 155 188 0 33 0
R.H.K.Y.C. 132 226 0 94 0

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

The new bowling green at the Civil Service Club is to be formally opened this afternoon. At the close of the ceremony rinks will be formed for a spoons competition.

WATSON CUP.

A meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room at 5.30 p.m. on Friday. Each Club is asked to send two delegates. Amongst the business to be discussed will be the allocation to a competition of a beautiful Cup kindly donated by Messrs. A. S. Watson as exclusively reported in our last issue.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

The following is the League programme for this Saturday:—
First Division.
Taihook v. Craigengower.
Civil Service v. Kowloon B.G. Club.
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Dock.
Second Division.
R.H.K. Yacht Club v. Taihook R.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Games will be played on the ground of the first named and the time of starting is 3.30 p.m. in all games.

RIFLE INTERPORT.

HONGKONG'S SATISFACTORY TRIAL.

SHOT POSTPONED.

Fixed tentatively for yesterday, Hongkong's shoot in the interport rifle competition was postponed till to-day. Hongkong has up to May 31 in which to fire off. At the trial shoot on Saturday afternoon, the full team of 12, fired and the best 10 scores totalled 292 which is very satisfactory.

Total of Best 10 Scores.

Counted Out.
W. D. Goodfellow 25 31 23 78
D. B. Bone 30 32 23 90
D. Wallace 28 34 23 90
D. Reid 31 33 26 90
T. Grimshaw 28 27 28 84
C. Sammers 38 25 26 84
W. P. Cook 27 23 25 84

Score was due to his dropping his

SPORTS CABLES.

FAR EAST SPORTS.

PHILIPPINES WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Manila, May 23.

The Far Eastern finals were under—
Track and field.—Philippines 1; Japan 2; China 3.

Basketball.—Philippines 1; China 2; Japan 3.

Baseball.—Philippines 1; Japan 2; China 3.

Volleyball.—Philippines 1; China 2; Japan 3.

Swimming.—Japan 1; Philippines 2; China 3.

Tennis.—China 1; Philippines 2; Japan 3.

Football.—China 1; Philippines 2; Japan 3.

Track and Field Points.—Philippines 140; Japan 60; China 14.

Decathlon.—Tadman (Philippines) 5,038; Fernandez (Philippines) 4,959.

Tatum (Philippines) 4,747; Obiri (China) 4,637; Lu (China) 4,608.

Tennis.—Obiri (Japan) defaulted to Gavia (Philippines).

The Chinese volleyball team left the field for a few minutes this afternoon, following an alleged unfair decision by a Filipino referee in the third and deciding game in favour of the Philippines. Dr. Sung, who is in charge, however, persuaded them to return and finish, under protest. The volleyball scores are: Philippines beat China 21-18, 15-21, 21-17.

LOCAL PIRATE MENACE—A SEAFARER'S TRENCHANT VIEWS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—Since my return to port I have been shown your issues of the 14th and 15th of the current month wherein you give the text of the Home Government's "Inter-Departmental Report" on our ever-present Piracy Menace and an article entitled "That Piracy Report."

I may at once remark that the former would, I am sure, tickle a seafarer sufficiently to make it laugh. Further, I notice it—the report, not the worm—is signed by the Colony's own extra-special representative along with a Captain and a Commander, R.N., neither of whom, so far as my memory serves me, were ever with H.M.'s Fleet out this way—at any rate since piracy became the pastime of many of the Canton Delta's unwilling-to-work population. Not having a "Who's Who" handy, I cannot know who the others are, but it is sufficient to say there was not a Joynton-Hicks amongst the whole bunch.

To begin at the end—of this momentous report—which treats on "insurance"—let us take paragraph 31 where we find:—

"In the first instance, therefore, we consider that the Guilds should make every endeavour to induce the Companies to institute a system of insurance voluntarily."

A nice "easy way" for a Select Committee to get out of a bothersome situation—in fact, such seems to be their one idea throughout the whole of their deliberations. To me it appears as a veiled insinuation to the extremists of—if not the whole body—the Guilds to go on strike so as to force the owners to acquiesce with them—the S.C.

Going further back one comes to "wireless," starting at para. 23 and following, where we find the S.C. sympathetic—very indeed—because they are 12,000 miles by water from the "Danger Zone," having no watch to keep with the encumbrance of a big shooter with 25 rounds of ammunition, but after their brain-racking deliberations, bed, or a night club. The remaining paragraphs are a dissertation on the different types of wireless machines for the supposed benefit of the whole Mercantile Marine, while the last (21) gives owners and employees a gentle reminder to shelve the distasteful subject.

Further back again "comes" "discipline" beginning with para. 19, while the end of para. 20 gives two quotations from the statement of the Naval Intelligence Officer at the Court of Inquiry on the "Taipei" piracy, the first of which says:—

"Unless pay conditions and compensation are made attractive, good officers cannot be expected to stay in River steamers."

Then in para. 21 comes a quotation from a letter from the Governor wherein he goes on to say, after commenting on the "liner" companies—"but to Chinese-owned vessels which carry British officers merely in order to comply with conditions requisite to obtain registration in Hongkong"—a sad confession indeed. Para. 22, a sort of summing up of the above: our S.C. "considers" and gets out of the dilemma, after furious thought—simply another or rather the first hint to the Guilds to go on strike. No recommendation whatever from them to Hongkong's Government, such has to fall in line with Singapore's Government which governs officers' wages, no recommendation to the powers that be regarding officers' status, accommodation or, again, pay, to uphold, better or increase as the case may be, nor nothing but that gentle, gentle hint—to the Guilds.

Coming to "Indian Guards" at paras. 17 and 18 the less said on that head the better. I for one do not think a good Indian comes to the "Furthest East" looking for a job. Court cases in Shanghai, here, and elsewhere shows that on board ship when there are no pirates to kill they "keep their hand in" by killing one another. Some, on the other hand, are big babies, continually complaining of one having been struck by another, yet taking them all-in-all they make not bad salt or other contraband smugglers; are not adverse to taking a bribe to let smuggled stuff pass while on watch at the gangway in port—that is, of course, if they are not asleep. I think the best guards are those in vessels under the Portuguese flag—ex-Portuguese soldiers or Russians (now Bolsheviks). The pay of guards is poor so what sort of man can be expected for it?

From paras. 4 to 17 I consider nothing but piffle—we have heard and read of it again and again one way or another.

Talking about co-operating with local Chinese authorities is sheer nonsense. Take a General

of one of the many factions in Canton; he, when his time comes, will send out one of his lieutenants to take charge of a large district, who in turn will send a subordinate to so-call administer a smaller district; this last will in turn send a lesser subordinate of his to look after a city and so on down the scale till we get to a hamlet. Each subordinate at once entrenches himself within his sphere, with his following of soldiers and begins recruiting more under false pretences—most likely—squeezes the inhabitants of the surrounding country except the bandits and pirates of whom he gets afraid. Each knowing how No. 1 became wealthy, sees no reason why he should not imitate his now erstwhile master and so on up the scale. While so doing each becomes the other's enemy in the race for power and wealth. Knowing nothing of such proceedings our 12,000-mile distant S.C. recommend co-operation with the so-called Chinese authorities—Chinese authorities working perhaps hand-in-glove with bandits or taking "shut-eye" cumshaws from them.

On the Pearl and West Rivers with their tributaries, there are one hundred—more or less—armed and unarmed steam-launches, commandeered from merchants—and sometimes from British firms—flying all kinds of military flags, engaged in towing junks up and down as may be required, for the benefit of what our S.C. term Chinese authorities. Then there are some small gunboats engaged in opium running from Wuchow downwards. Not one of the whole lot pay Customs dues. Can the S.C. tell us how one province of a bankrupt country can run so many armed vessels while their own is only able to—on their advice—spare four gunboats and four armed launches to protect its immense property and valuable lives? No, the S.C. just recommends those few naval mosquitoes to co-operate with small gangs of despots.

So much for the S.C. and now for your shipping-man holding a high position. I agree with him in nearly all he says, especially his words:—

"It is the duty of the Navy to protect the ships and their officers from such attacks and if they fail the onus of responsibility surely rests on the Government."

Quite so: should a gunboat, in assisting a merchant vessel in repelling a piratical attack, get any member of its crew killed, then the dependant of that member would get a pension from the Home Government, therefore, also should the same happen to a member of a Hongkong-owned merchant vessel governed by the Piracy Regulations of the Hongkong Government then that Government has the onus on it.

It must not be forgotten, however, that in framing their Regulations the Government foresaw their responsibility and slyly inserted a proviso which runs:—

"Provided the Piracy Regulations have been observed."

Therein lies their avenue of escape and in a Court of Inquiry their counsel, instructed by the Attorney-General, would come out on top.

Talking about insurance, it reminds me that in Parliament whenever an addition or two is "billed" the "billers" have but one slogan which is "The Navy is our national insurance." The "Navy League" also have it emblazoned on their banner, so to speak.

Funny now, when I come to think of it, the local N. L. have never thought fit to come to the owners' and Guilds' assistance.

Regarding "wireless" I maintain that unless European operators are engaged or the semi-automatic system when perfected is installed whereby ships' officers after a few lessons can be taught its management—it will be useless.

Granted that Chinese can be trained as easily as any other national, yet it must be remembered that on board ship, where discipline is strictly necessary, the Chinese is a dead failure—the more so the higher his social status. Witness the "Hwa Jah" cuncto fiasco. They joined, so they said, to learn how to be Captains—no such common term as Master—for them there was no intermediate rank.

I have been on a ship under the Chinese flag, carrying two native operators. At all times resplendent in uniform—the one thing all Chinese love so dearly. They strutted about the decks—when not asleep—like jackdaws in pea-cock feathers with their noses in the air, "untouchables" divine in their own opinion.

On occasions when they felt like it—they went along to the bridge and shouted up to the quartermaster to tell the officer at the watch that—

"The watch that—"

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signal had been received a few minutes previously. To explain to them the correct way to pass on the signal the instant of its reception only made them grin, they thinking, no doubt, that navigators—unlike themselves—were a pack of arrant fools.

Outside of discipline what sort of "obligation" could they be made to take as regards secrecy? Secrecy is impossible to a Chinese employee, his forte being eaves-dropping and spreading far and wide what he has heard or learned. Years ago when China's G.O.M., Li Hung-chang, concluded in Port Arthur a secret treaty with the Russians, the text of that "secret" was published in a Shanghai journal (foreign) within a week. One of the G.O.M.'s relatives for a salutation had given the show away.

I have digressed a little, so will return to my wireless. Wireless messages sent out or received are supposed to be known to only the operator and Captain on board ship, and the latter can make them public if he thinks fit—except passengers' private correspondence, of course—not the operator. Well knowing the Chinese weakness for illicit trading and contraband-running our operator would be in his glory. Commission for the private wires for the trading-crooks—all native crews are traders—merchant

shippers' cargo and trading secrets flashed to interested parties on commission and, lastly, to the pirates' lairs when they shall have got wireless installed. This may come sooner than we expect. Disbanded or deserting soldiers are known to have taken machine guns—and larger—with them to pirates' lairs.

My reason for writing thusly is that I know not only the Chinese wireless operator on board ship but his "wire" confère on shore. When in Chinese Government employment it was quite a common thing for me to be informed that a private wire was awaiting me at "home"—20 miles away. My informant, perhaps a worker or an office attendant, would tell me the contents of the message—quite unconcernedly, as it were. On asking how he knew he would say that Mr. So & So, the operator, had told him before he left his place. Needless to say I knew everybody else's business—secret or otherwise—through the same source.

So much for Insurance and Wireless and now comes the representative of the local Piracy Committee who avers that:—

"The report might have served as the basis of very fruitful discussion, if the representatives of the shipowners and officers had not withdrawn before opportunity was given to discuss the problem."

The "representative" is evidently one of the "official majority." How he can make out what he calls "the basis of very fruitful discussion" I fail to see, for when the "non-official minority" arrived at the conference-room they found—if my memory serves me aright—that there was to be no discussion at all, but simply that the Piracy Regulations were to be read out to them, after which they could give their assent or get out. They got out and later formulated what is now known to all those interested in the Piracy problem as the "Minority Report." A very sensible report it is, devoid of any semblance of "red tape" and strictly business-like.

Further on the "representative" talks of the 24 hour clause in the "Articles," saying that it also "could have been discussed." So far as I know, no discussion on it would have been necessary, as all shipping men know that although it is inserted in the six months' articles the present Harbour-master does not acknowledge it as binding in ships in the Danger Zone—except for one sin. It must be remembered that it is an insertion and binding only by mutual consent—so far as I know.

Yours, etc.,
VOYAGER.
Hongkong, May 22.

Telephone Rates.
(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—Mr. Alabaster is to be congratulated on his stand for the rights of the public in regard to possible increases in the rates charged by the new Telephone Company, but he is not strengthening his case, surely, when he quotes the position of Companies, such as the lower and higher Tramway Companies. They were certainly not guaranteed a minimum dividend but on the other hand maximum rates were laid down, which, of course, (human nature being what it is) became standard rates right away, with the result that the public is still paying unnecessarily high rates and the Companies are making such huge profits that shares which were originally worth a few shillings are now worth very

many dollars. This does not seem right but it is in accordance with the terms of their agreement and it is surely not such an agreement that Mr. Alabaster would advocate in opposition to one which on the whole seems most fair and advantageous from the point of view of the public.

After all, it is not likely that the Company will fail to make 8 per cent. for its shareholders (if it does not, it is not too much to expect a slight increase to guarantee it) and if they are able to make such huge profits as the Companies are which Mr. Alabaster instances, then they will not be able, as these companies do, to pocket the lot but have to devote a considerable portion of it to reducing the subscription rates. Of the two schemes there is surely no doubt as to which most benefits the community.

Yours, etc.,
FAIRPLAY TO NEGOTIATORS.
Hongkong, May 23.

Pity The Golfers.
(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—Now that the Hotels Company have nine buses at their disposal, surely it is not too much to expect them to spare one to maintain some sort of service between the City and Deep Water Bay. It would only have to be for a time, for soon it will be too hot to play golf there except in the early morning, but the sight of people toiling from the Club House to the foot of the new road or vice versa (some ladies even had their Clubs with them) all limp and perspiring even so early as 8.30 in the morning was a sight to move the stoniest heart to pity.

After all, it is not entirely the golfers who would be inconvenienced. There are quite a number of people en route who would be glad of an occasional bus via Aberdeen and it would be better than that the whole service should be devoted to the new road. I believe I am right when I say that a number of the buses on Saturday and Sunday were only partly full.

Yours sincerely,
GOLFER.
Hongkong, May 24.

COTTON AND SILK.
(Reuter's Service.)
London, May 23.

Various meetings of cotton interests were held in Manchester yesterday dealing with the modification of the silk duties and other questions.

A meeting representing the Associations of Affiliated Cotton Spinners and the Manufacturing Association passed a resolution strongly protesting against even modifications, and expressing the opinion that in view of the sacrifices of revenue resulting therefrom that there was less justification from a financial viewpoint in imposing restrictions, difficulties, delays and additional burdens.

The Manchester Chamber of Commerce Shipping and Merchants' Committee, after considering Mr. Churchill's reply to Lancashire's arguments against the duties and the rebate, in a statement say they are convinced that no method could be devised resulting in anything but serious and most damaging obstruction to trade. The Committee authorised their representative to again meet Mr. Churchill.

A meeting of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' General Committee unanimously passed a resolution that the Federation should immediately cable the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington cancelling the notice given to withdraw from the original cotton standards agreement and authorising the signing of an amended supplemental agreement for the cotton trade. The Provisional Emergency Committee discussed the adverse conditions affecting trade, and urged stronger measures should be adopted, including the formulation of a scheme of control. It was recommended that compulsory powers should be sought for the collection of statistics of production, consumption and also stocks in view of regulating production according to the demand.

The silk section of the London Chamber of Commerce denies that it concurs in the decisions of the recent conferences of silk interests with Mr. Churchill.

Washington, May 23.—In addition to steps to collect war debts from European countries the Government is paying attention to the failure of some to pay principal and interest on reconstruction loans made after the Armistice. The Government has notified that there will be no discrimination in the discharge of debts of this character.

Bombay, May 23.—Shafi Ahmed, of the Indore Mounted Police, and Sham Rao Dighe, an officer in the Maharajah of Indore's household, were sentenced to death in connection with the murder of the merchant Bawla. Anan Das Phanshe and three others were sentenced to transportation for life, and Syed Mahomed, sub-inspector of the Indore police, and Karamat Khan were acquitted. The trial took place in March in the court of the Chief Magistrate of Bombay Presidency. Nine men were accused of conspiring to murder Bawla.

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NASTY SMASH.

MOTOR CYCLISTS IN A HOSPITAL.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

"Very comfortable" was the medical report on the condition of Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. P. Brown of Messrs. Loxley and Co., who are in hospital as a result of a motor cycle collision on Saturday. Mr. Key, however, is not quite strong enough yet to receive visitors.

The scene of the collision was the awkward turn at Chin Wan, Castle Peak Road. Mr. Key, approaching it from Kowloon side and Mr. Brown from the opposite direction. The two machines struck each other, not quite head on, but so sharply in a glancing manner as to throw both riders from their seats.

Mr. Key was flung violently to the road, and found himself hanging half over the precipice at the side. Luckily he was able to grasp the white railing with one hand and so prevent himself slipping headlong down the bank.

From this perilous position Mr. Key was rescued by some passing motorists, who fortunately arrived shortly after the accident and did their utmost to ease the agony he was suffering from his extremely severe injuries.

Mr. Brown, who had also been very badly hurt, was lifted into the car along with Mr. Key, and both gentlemen were taken with all care and speed to the Kwong Wah Hospital in Kowloon, where their injuries were dressed.

From the Kwong Wah Hospital they were taken across the harbour to the Government Civil Hospital. Here it was found that Mr. Key, among other injuries, was suffering from a broken ankle, broken wrist and a badly crushed knee. He was also very weak from the loss of blood.

Mr. Brown, whose injuries were also very severe, was found to be suffering from almost identical injuries, except in degree. His broken ankle and wounded knee were not considered to be so bad as Mr. Key's. Mr. Brown's broken wrist, however, was the more serious of the two.

What makes the accident more distressing is that both gentlemen have received their injuries to the right wrist, and it is of course still too soon to say whether there will be any permanent effects, though Mr. Key is not thought to be in any serious danger in this respect.

Mr. Key, who was the weaker of the two, having lost more blood, went under an operation, and stood it very well. The doctors expected him to make a good recovery.

Mr. Brown went also under an operation and he, too, is making good progress with every prospect of soon regaining his strength. Neither gentleman is in any danger.

FRENCH FINANCES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 22.

As regards M. Caillaux's new financial schemes, the newspapers state that the further revenues required will be obtained by an increase of postal and telegraphic charges on increase of tobacco revenue, the establishment of an apprenticeship tax, and an increase of all schedule taxes on a unified system of game permits and an increase in their cost, which will replace the sugar tax. It is estimated that these will produce in 1925 the four thousand million francs required to balance the Budget. Supplementary measures include stricter supervision of income tax.

The newspapers say that the inland letter rate may be increased to thirty centimes from June 1. An increase of the telegraphic rate is described as under consideration. Apparently there is no question of increasing the postal and telegraphic charges for abroad.

Bombay, May 23.—Shafi Ahmed, of the Indore Mounted Police, and Sham Rao Dighe, an officer in the Maharajah of Indore's household, were sentenced to death in connection with the murder of the merchant Bawla. Anan Das Phanshe and three others were sentenced to transportation for life, and Syed Mahomed, sub-inspector of the Indore police, and Karamat Khan were acquitted. The trial took place in March in the court of the Chief Magistrate of Bombay Presidency. Nine men were accused of conspiring to murder Bawla.

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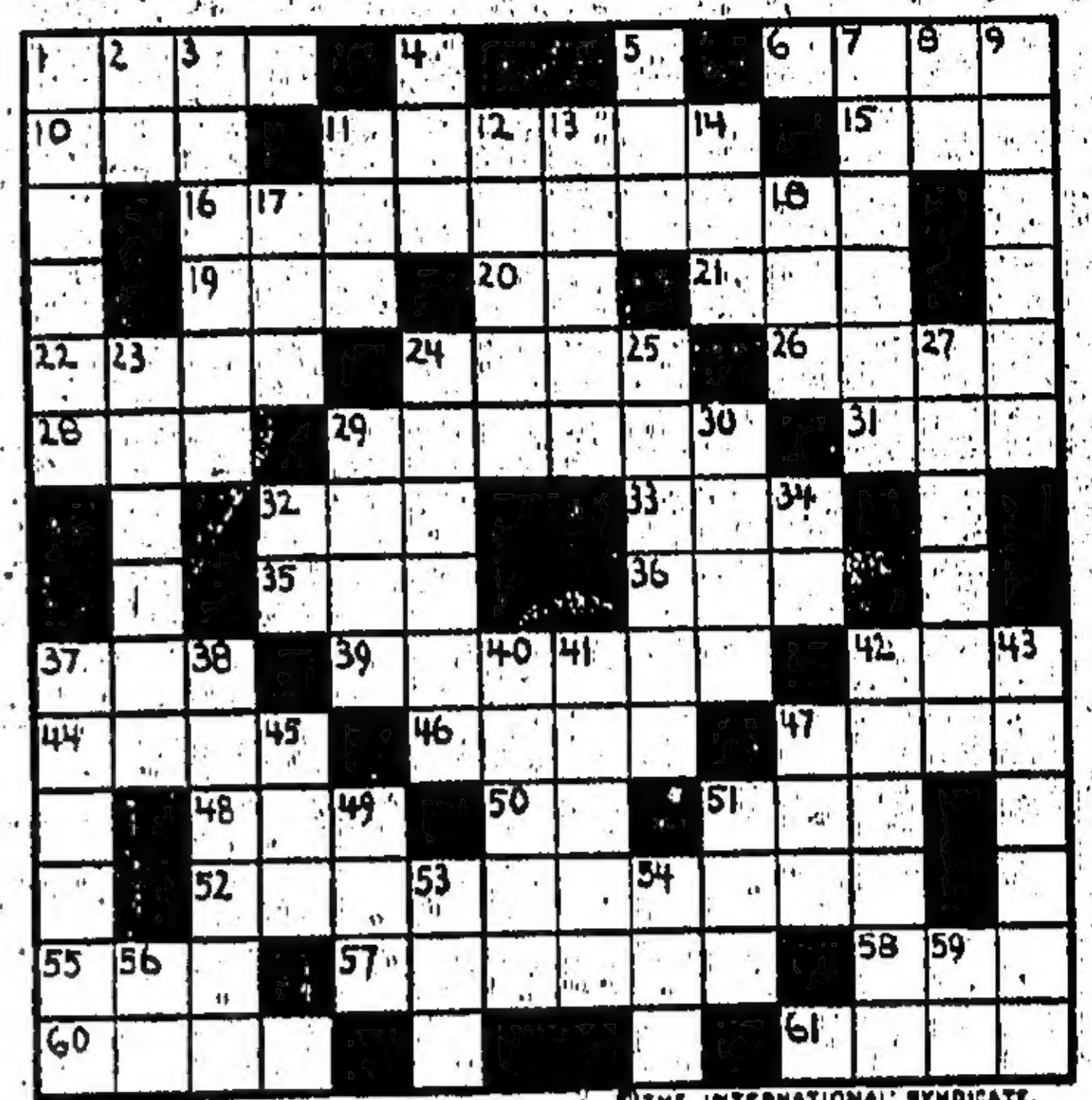
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CHINA MAIL'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(These cross-word puzzles have been made by experts but our readers are warned to watch out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Convulsed breath
- 2—That is here present
- 10—Hobgoblin
- 11—Unwell
- 13—Affirmative
- 15—Lack of caution
- 19—Domestic animal
- 20—Pronoun
- 21—Contains
- 22—Perpetual
- 24—Spawn of syctes
- 26—Tubers
- 28—Bolshevist
- 29—To place wrongly
- 31—Immovable
- 32—To forbid
- 33—Insect
- 35—Unit of work
- 36—To drop back
- 37—Existed
- 39—Bank employee
- 42—Permissive
- 44—Lofty mountain range of Europe
- 46—Highway
- 47—Narrative
- 48—To regret
- 50—Above
- 51—Speak
- 52—Envy
- 53—A fetish or charm
- 57—A race or strain (pl.)
- 58—Ejaculation
- 60—A rod
- 61—Once more

VERTICAL

- 1—Pungent root
- 2—Part of verb "to be"
- 3—Flavored
- 4—A tree
- 5—Individual
- 7—African animal (pl.)
- 8—That is (abbr.)
- 9—Most secure
- 11—Likely
- 12—Swelling
- 13—Part of shell
- 14—Wild animal
- 17—Deface
- 19—To call out
- 23—Excusable
- 24—One who utters melodious sounds
- 25—Placed for future consideration
- 27—Servant
- 29—Market
- 30—Period of time
- 32—To exist
- 34—Latin phrase meaning "for example" (abbr.)
- 37—To roll in mire
- 38—Excessive strain
- 40—Parasitic insect
- 41—Slight fault
- 43—Married woman
- 45—A color
- 47—Total
- 48—Likewise
- 49—Decline
- 51—College degree (abbr.)
- 52—Part of shell
- 54—Edged tool
- 55—Barium (chem. sym.)
- 59—Pronoun

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail" along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

PRINCE OF WALES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 24.

Reuter's correspondent with the Prince of Wales at Burgersdorp says the happiest proofs of the effect of the Prince of Wales' visit on British and Dutch relations was provided by a crowd of sixty thousand, mostly the staunchest Nationalists, cheering the Prince to the echo on arrival here, the last place in Cape Province to be visited. Local clergyman invoked the Divine blessing on Anglo-Dutch unity.

The Prince, in a speech, seized the occasion to return thanks for the cordial welcome to all parts of the province, even the wayside stations, where the train stopped for only one or two minutes.

LLOYDS NEW HOME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 23.

H.M. the King, accompanied by the Queen and Prince Henry, drove in semi-State to the City and laid the foundation stone of Lloyds new building, which will cover an acre of ground in Leadenhall Street.

The King, in a speech, dwelt on the romantic history of Lloyds and the traditional honour and integrity of the corporation, whose history was embodied in the highest qualities of British commerce. He recalled Lloyds inestimable services in wartime, and hoped for still greater things from the expansion and development being inaugurated to-day.

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SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 25.—Coronet Theatre, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
May 25.—World Theatre, "The Sixth Commandment."
May 25.—Queen's Theatre, "Bell Boy 13."
May 25.—Star Theatre, "Molly O!"

May 28.—James McGrath, Ltd., presents "Our Cabaret," at the Theatre Royal.

SOCIAL.
June 6 and 20.—Fortnightly dances at the Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS.
May 27 and 28.—Visit of Japanese Tennis players, H.K. C.C. Ground, 4.15 p.m., each day.
May 30.—June 1.—Fifth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 3 p.m.
June 6.—Half-yearly meeting of members of the Hongkong Jockey Club,

GAY LOSSIE LOON.

MR. MACDONALD IN MERRY MOOD.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., was the gay "Lossie Loon" when he made sport among his brother and sister Scots in London. He was the guest of the London Scots Labour Club, and, responding to the toast of his health, proposed by the chairman, Mr. George Dallas, he said:—

"There are many ups and downs of a queer kind in life. For instance, if you had been in Lossie's mouth about fifty years ago and had asked what was the general opinion of a certain nicker with a black head—and very often not much else—you would have found that he was regarded as being destined to be hung. I am not at all sure but that something like that has happened, because there are certain experiences in life that are of nearly the same kind of trouble."

"The great characteristic of our countrymen is that they wander over the world's good and only secondarily for their own. It is true that wherever you go you will generally find a Scotsman at the head of affairs. I have found, however, that Lossie men are even better than (laughter)—see I don't require to complete my sentence. A Scotsman is 'key gleg in the uptake.' In this case I think the mathematical maxim that the greater includes the less is not true."

"Regarding Lossiemouth and Scotland, the loss includes the greater. A friend of mine went to a big London store the other day, ordered some furniture, and gave as an address Lossiemouth, immediately proceeding to inform the man behind the counter that Lossiemouth was in Scotland. The man behind the counter pulled himself up in a very lordly and dignified way, and said: 'Madam, I beg of you, do not insult me by offering further explanations of that place. I believe there is considerable doubt in London as to where Edinburgh is. There is no doubt at all as to where Lossiemouth is.'"

WANDERER'S ADVENTURES.

"Wandering about on the face of the earth, I remember one day getting into a certain place in Australia way down at the mouth of the Brisbane River, where I was being met by a boat that was to take me to Brisbane itself. 'Getting aboard, I was received by a fine-looking, dignified, self-respecting man, dressed in blue, with brass buttons—one of the sort of gentlemen who would have put up the backs of the writers of the "Daily Herald" (Laughter). I thought there was a kind of searching, specially friendly look in his eye, and as he kept looking at me in a brotherly kind of way I asked: 'Have I seen you before?' 'God, man! Seen me afore! Monny apple I smoked for your granny.'"

"Another fellow I met in the backwoods of Canada had been talking to me about an hour, and at the end it suddenly struck him he had forgotten to tell me something that was very essential. 'Master MacDonald,' he said, 'I am awfully sorry, but I forgot to tell you I was a Scotsman.' In Jamaica the other day, when I met a lot of Scotsmen, as usual I found that nearly everybody on the island, provided he came from Africa originally, has now adopted a Scotch name. The clans are even better represented there than in London—Cameron by the thousands, Grant by the tens of thousands, MacDonald a fair number, but all living godly, Scottish lives, following the very best and the very worst of our variegated traditions."

SCOTTISH JOKES

The Scotsman, Mr. MacDonald thought, was his own worst enemy. All the jokes at the expense of Scotsmen were invented by Scotsmen, and the peculiar thing was that no one understood them or saw the humour in them except the Scotsman. "I once employed a Parliamentary Secretary," he said "not for the purpose of giving me good advice in politics—because I get enough of that and to spare without any appointments—but for the purpose of supplying me with two original jokes against Scotsmen every day of the week. He did it, and that is the reason why the Labour Government was so successful. (Laughter.)"

"It has struck me that so long as Providence is looking after this country He selects Scotsmen as His agents. Those of you inclined to be pessimistic, fearing that the country will never recover again, have the best reason for believing that, because there are no Scotsmen in the present Government. It is the most ominous sign of the times. This country cannot be governed successfully unless there are Scotsmen in the Ministry. I am not sure, however, that Providence has given us up, because He has made the Prime Minister half a Scotsman, Mr. Baldwin is half a Baldwin and half a MacDonald. But I doubt whether half a Scotsman is good enough to maintain the great burdens of governing this country." (Laughter.)

JEAN DE RESZKE.

THE GREAT DAYS AT COVENT GARDEN.

Some recollections and an appreciation of Jean de Reszke, the great artist whose death was announced were given in an interview with a representative of The Observer, by Mr. Herman Klein, president of the Critics' Circle, and the well-known teacher of singing, whose intimate acquaintance with him extended over that brilliant part of his career which began with the first season of Italian Opera given by Sir Augustus Harris at Drury Lane Theatre.

"It was indeed my good luck," he said, "to have the privilege of persuading the impresario, when he decided to start operatic management, to do so with the co-operation of this gifted tenor and his equally famous brother Edouard, who were then both earning great popularity at the Paris Opera. I accompanied Sir Augustus when he went to Paris to engage them, and was present when the contract was signed. Their appearance in 'Aida' on the opening night of the short summer season in 1887 was not a debut here for either, Edouard having sung for several seasons at Covent Garden, while Jean had appeared ten years before, at Her Majesty's Opera as a baritone."

"That 'Aida' night was the most brilliant that I can recall, with the exception of the one when Verdi's opera was first produced at Covent Garden with Adelina Patti in the title role; only this time the triumph was for Radames. Such beautiful singing as the new Polish tenor gave us had been heard from the lips of no man since the famous Mario. His successes as Lohengrin and Raoul were no less unforgettable. In a word, the impression that Jean de Reszke created led directly to the renaissance of opera which then began under the regime of Harris after a decade of disappointing failure, during which it seemed that the 'Royal Italian Opera' was doomed to inevitable extinction. Whatever was achieved during the next eight years was due in no small measure to the enormous influence wielded by the presence at Covent Garden of Jean de Reszke, together with his brother and Dame Melba and the rest of that brilliant coterie of great singers."

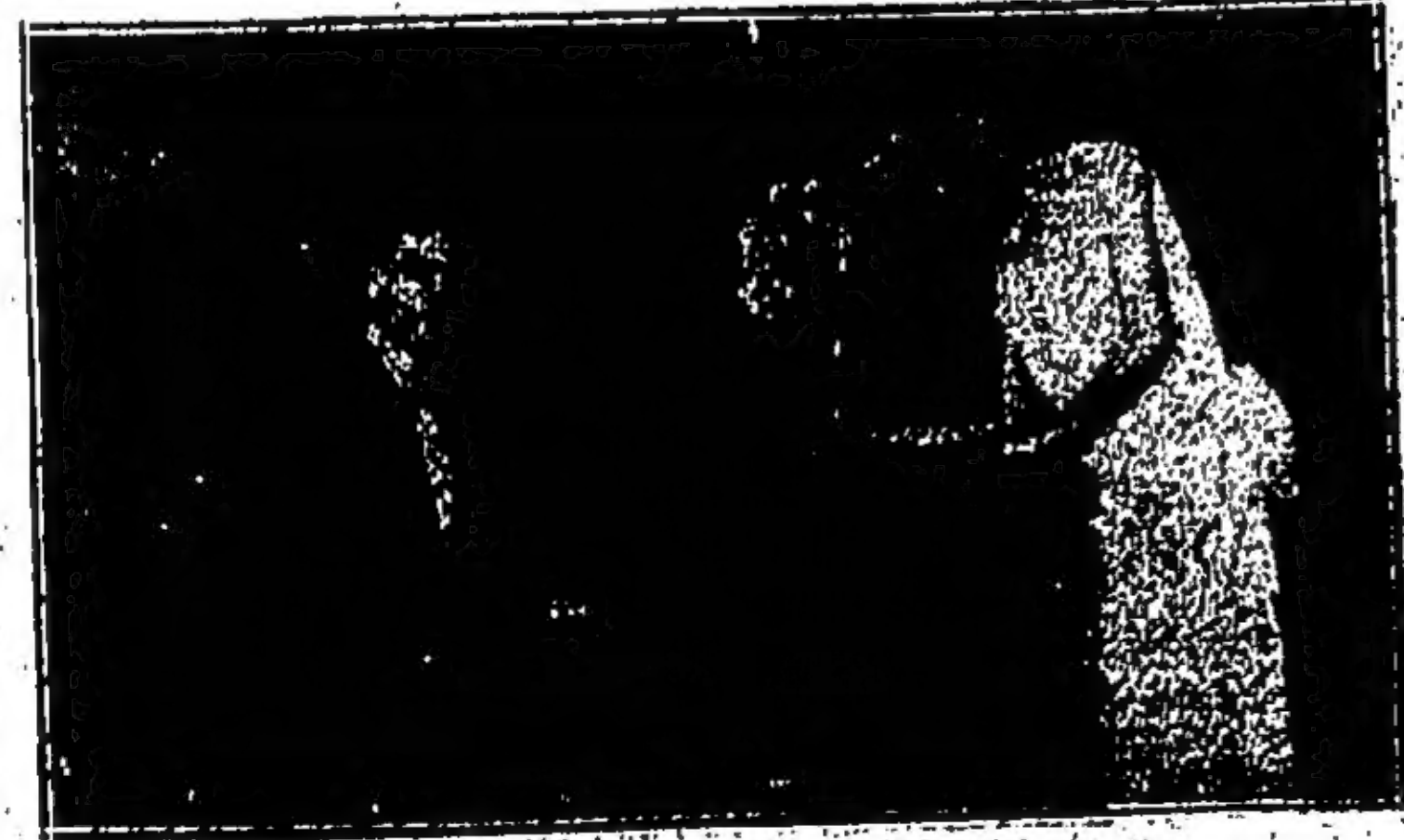
IN WAGNER

"I am proud to have had a hand in the wonderful change that came over the great tenor's career when he began the study of the more advanced Wagnerian roles. I have told in the story of my 'Thirty Years of Musical Life' how I met Jean and Edouard de Reszke at Bims with Lassalle, the celebrated French baritone, and advised them to go straight off to Bayreuth (which I had just left for the purpose of hearing 'Die Meistersinger'). They went a week later, accompanied by Mme. Nordica, the American prima donna, who wrote telling me how deeply impressed they had all been. The result was that in the following year, 1889, we had Wagner's splendid opera at Covent Garden, in Italian, it is true, with the first 'Walther' that had ever been heard, and certainly the most distinguished that had ever been seen."

"OUR CABARET."

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

The new London craze in entertainment, "Our Cabaret," which is the first of the Companies that James MacGraith, Ltd., brought out to India, will arrive in



Reginald Sellock and Madge Carter at the Piano in "Our Cabaret."

Hongkong by the P. & O. s.s. Malwa on Thursday and will open the same night at the Theatre Royal for a short season in a series of programmes introducing the latest musical numbers, burlesques, stunts, original scenes, and the absolute latest ideas in Cabaret dancing. The entertainment is entirely new to the East, and every article will appear before the Hongkong public for the first time. "Our Cabaret," scored a huge success everywhere they played and it will be interesting to see how far Hongkong theatre-goers will endorse this wonderful opinion held in Calcutta and Bombay. Some delightful dancing of nearly every kind usually seen in the

"Later on Jean de Reszke was to study this and all his other Wagnerian parts in German. 'Tristan' and 'Siegfried' he sang in America before doing so here, and his triumph in both parts was equally pronounced on both sides of the Atlantic. He was a truly great all-round artist and his versatility was amazing. He was, in my opinion, the last of the great heroic tenors of the Meyerbeer School, which in his case, as in that of Niemann and Winkelman, proved, curiously enough, the right school for the training of great Wagnerian heroes. He brought to bear upon all his later impersonations the benefit, not only of a long stage experience, but the impress of a refined intellect and a cultured mind. Hence their singular variety and a degree of psychological interest, notably in parts like Tristan and Siegfried, such as one rarely found in operatic tenors of his day."

LAST APPEARANCE AT COVENT GARDEN.

"The decline of his powers may have been felt by himself, but it was never allowed to become palpable to his hearers in this country. When he sang in 'Romeo' with Melba at Covent Garden on a hot July night in 1900 no one knew that it was for the last time, nor would one have found it easy to believe, for he sang with all his old tenderness and charm and irresistible beauty of voice, and at the end of it he said, not far from, but in a veiled, 'Thereafter he sang in Paris, but only for a short time. The end of his career as a singer had come gloriously, and he felt no wish to unduly prolong it.'"

"His work as a teacher, which he had recently carried on at Nice, was for twenty years a privilege of inestimable value for countless young aspirants to vocal fame. He was a complete master of every branch of his art, but towards the end he devoted himself almost exclusively to the task of preparing his pupils for the stage. For the technical side of singing he no longer had time to spare. 'I had not seen him since the war, but we always kept up an intermittent correspondence, and I have scores of letters from him always breathing the same affection and gratitude—for I think he never forgot. I loved him both as an artist and a man, and I shall miss him sorely.'"

HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Inhabitants of the Riviera resort of Roquebrune, near Cap Martin, were awakened by a loud report from the direction of St. Roman Plage.

Three hours later a Monte Carlo ployee, who was out fishing, discovered the headless body of a man. The shattered remains of the head were found later in the vicinity.

In the man's pocket was a copy of an English newspaper relating a case of suicide by a man who discharged a dynamite cartridge in his mouth. It is presumed that he took his life in a similar manner.

The man is stated by the police to be Mr. William Smith, of Boston, Lincolnshire, aged 37. He is said to have been in business in London and had been staying at an hotel at Monte Carlo.

FIRST CLASS LONDON "CABARETS."

First class London "Cabarets" are presented by Jann Carey and Rene Delys, Frank Mijne, the extraordinary versatile comedian, has an enormous repertoire of comedy scenes and gags. He secured in Calcutta and Bombay the greatest personal success of his career.

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LUXURY FASHIONS.

COULD WOMAN BE HAPPY IN A BATH-SHEET?

"Our whole trade is entirely useless. It is solely luxury. I am ashamed of being in it. It is opposed to my social ideas. A woman could be quite happy in a bath-sheet."

Mr. John Jacoby, governing director of Messrs. Jacoby, Kie, Ltd., lace manufacturers, of Wood-street, E.C., made these observations at the Board of Trade Committee which is inquiring into the application of the Nottingham lace trade for an *ad valorem* duty on imported machine-made lace and embroidery.

He was speaking of fashions, and said he did not agree with the necessity for some of the fashionable articles of the trade. Mr. Jacoby told Dame Helen Gwynne, Vaughan, one of the committee that Colonial women like to follow the fashion of Englishwomen, but Englishwomen would not always adopt the fashions in dress of Frenchwomen.

A PROTEST.

At the opening of the inquiry Mr. C. E. Losely (counsel for the applicants) replied to statements criticising the conduct of the lace industry. There was no cross-examination because that particular point had not been regarded as a real and serious issue. "Our case is," said Mr. Losely, "that the conduct of both the lace and embroidery industries challenges comparison with that of any industry in the country." Had he thought the issue was raised seriously he would have cross-examined and he now proposed to do so.

PRIMITIVE EFFORTS.

If Nottingham manufacturers visited the factories abroad, Mr. Jacoby said, they would see what artistic work was being turned out in comparison with the primitive efforts of Nottingham.

Mr. Losely: Is it not a fact that wherever labour bears a big proportion of the cost of the whole article English producers cannot compete?—That is not so to my knowledge.

If a duty had to be imposed the only logical one, Mr. Jacoby thought, was one on weight.

PRINCESS MARY COLLAR.

Mr. J. C. Cocking, buyer for Messrs. Copestake, Crampin, and Company, Ltd., of London and Nottingham, said he could not give the proportion of German goods purchased by his firm as he had bought a proportion of them through Nottingham.

Mr. Losely: Did you buy much German lace via Nottingham?—One very big parcel.

Mr. J. N. Finlay, buyer for Messrs. Olney, Amenden and Company, Ltd., warehousemen, of Falcon-street, E.C., said a suggestion he made to a Nottingham manufacturer for the production of a "Princess Mary" collar was not carried out. In three years the turnover of the article, as imported from Germany and Switzerland, had reached between £20,000 and £30,000. Had the collars been produced by the manufacturer at an initial outlay of £50, £10,000 worth of business would have been saved for the Nottingham lace trade.

PICTURE ROMANCES.

CURIOUS STORY OF "CRUCIFIXION."

The Persian Consul-General, Henrik Pollak, is in possession of a masterpiece by Tintoretto, "Martyrdom of a Saintly Woman," declared by connoisseurs to be one of the painter's finest works. The Italian Government applied to the Austrian Foreign Office, alleging that the Consul had acquired the picture by illegal means from his relative, Cardinal Locatelli, and demanded it back as its property. The Foreign Office ordered the police to examine the matter, but the Consul was able to prove that he had acquired the picture in a legal way. Here Pollak is now worried daily by agents and would-be buyers, and an American millionaire has sent his private secretary to Vienna, to offer £250,000 dollars. The owner, however, has resisted all temptations.

Another exciting affair concerns a Rembrandt, "The Crucifixion of Christ," one of the four Rembrandt pictures in Austrian private possession. It was the property of an ex-consul, who has a castle in Syria, where it was kept. The son of an art-dealer became engaged to the ex-consul's daughter, and spent a few days at the castle. After he had left a copy of the picture was found in the place of the genuine Rembrandt. It is impossible to ascertain in what way the genuine painting, a work of large size, could have been carried off without anybody noticing it. The ex-consul cancelled his daughter's engagement, communicated with the young man's father, the art-dealer, and threatened to inform the police. But the two have come to an understanding to settle the matter peacefully by payment of £25,000.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

The following passengers left on the s.s. President Taft on Saturday:—For Shanghai—Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Au, Mr. An King, Mr. C. Breyer, Mrs. C. A. Cook, Miss A. C. Cook, Mr. Jack Carter, Miss Chow Wei-yin, Messrs. H. A. R. Conant, E. M. Cheng, F. Guthrie, J. R. Kobhouse, C. W. Hartley, E. L. Han, B. W. Jackson, G. H. Keatley, H. P. Lewis, Lum Ching-hsun, and C. I. Leonberger, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moor-marin and child, Messrs. Z. Morinaga and C. W. Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McCarl and son, Messrs. H. A. Pullian, A. F. Rosemond, W. Rosenthal, J. C. Shirazee, A. A. Eca da Silva, and W. H. Torpey, Mrs. W. H. Torpey, Mr. Tien Yuen-poh; for Kobe—Lieut. J. L. Shipley and Mrs. Shipley; for Honolulu—Mr. Alfred Waller; for San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. V. Beghin, Messrs. L. O. Chan, Chan Yim, Chin Yuen-chin, Miss Sara Furnerburks, Mrs. W. E. Hicks, Mrs. A. H. Humphries, Mr. Jue-Yu, Miss Leonore Kinney, Messrs. J. Nock Kays, Kwan Min, and Kung Kiu, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Lamas, Messrs. C. Lagisquet, Lee Bing-yun, Lee Chong, and Lee Tuck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mongey, and three sons, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Cioffland and son, Messrs. Quan Ol, Quan Bun, Quan Cherk, and Quan Yin, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rodgers and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. da Roza, Miss Emma Stark, Miss Roba C. Stewart, Mr. Sum Yan, Mrs. J. H. Williams, Messrs. Wong Hing, Wong Kee-lung, Wong Fun, and Yee Sok-wah.

Passengers who departed by the s.s. Fushimi Maru on Friday were:—Mr. V. Elliott, Miss B. Elliott, Messrs. T. Eberth, F. F. Ringer, P. H. McKay, Jackson, T. R. Rennett, and E. V. Pallard, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Christensen and children, Mrs. L. M. Thomas and son, Miss K. M. Hill, Miss F. McCloy, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davidson, Messrs. L. B. Woolley and R. F. Sedgwick, Mrs. W. B. O. Middleton and son, Mr. R. Holden, Mrs. H. Jorgensen and two children, Messrs. Y. Petit and H. Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Schroder, Mrs. R. F. Sedgwick and two infants, Messrs. W. G. Williams, Kortel Kaas, and De Gans, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Farle, Miss A. M. Farle, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Benstead and child, Mr. W. R. N. Oliver, Messrs. Van de Wateren, M. G. Sunderland, and N. A. Rotchiff, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Holdworth and child, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Aires and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Beal, and two children, Messrs. A. S. Fraser, F. Hollins, and Anderson, the Rev. W. Loues, Mr. V. Curbul, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. J. Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Shoobridge and son.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B. F. s.s. "Machin" left London, Rotterdam and Hamburg will be despatched at 4 p.m. to-day.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Fras Hay" which is due at this port to-day sailed from San Francisco on Apr. 28—on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Baglio" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London left Cadiz for this port on day 11 and is due to arrive here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on May 13 at 7.30 a.m. left Manila yesterday at 4 p.m. and is due at Hongkong to-morrow at 9 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Benader" from Leith Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London due to arrive here on May 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Telvina" left Liverpool on Apr. 25 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Hankow and is due at this port on or about May 30.

The B. F. s.s. "Munoon" left Liverpool on Apr. 14 for Rangoon, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due at this port on or about June 8.

The B. F. s.s. "Pallua" left Liverpool on May for Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Dally and is due here on or about June 1.

The B. F. s.s. "Merion" left Liverpool on May 16 for Rangoon, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due at this port on or about June 20.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jackson" which is due at this port on June 1, sailed from Seattle, O., May 12, on schedule.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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ELIZABETH N. PAYNTER

Young Miss Elizabeth Narcissa Paynter, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. C. H. Paynter, of Cornwall, England, is to wed Signor Guglielmo Marconi, the "wireless wizard." Their engagement was announced recently and a wedding date set. Miss Paynter is an ardent sportswoman and active in social work.



MISS LORRAINE EASON

The photo shows Miss Lorraine Eason displaying the latest thing in garters, the Garterola Super-Kneelyne, and it plays. Among its many advantages, Miss Eason says, is that if she wants to do a fox trot while the orchestra is playing a waltz, she may do so by tuning in one of the numerous stations.



GLORIA ROSEBUD O'RYDER

Refusing to tell where she came from, a girl who registered at a hotel as Gloria Rosebud O'Ryder swallowed poison soon after her arrival. Nearing recovery, she has maintained her secretiveness, promising to "tell all" only after she is discharged from the hospital.



ETHEL & EVELYN WICKMAN

These twin sisters, now twenty-six years old were identical in appearance when they were three months old. Ethel Wickman, at left, is four feet four inches tall and weighs 68 pounds. Evelyn, who is the wife of a policeman, is five feet seven inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. Physicians cannot account for the difference in development.



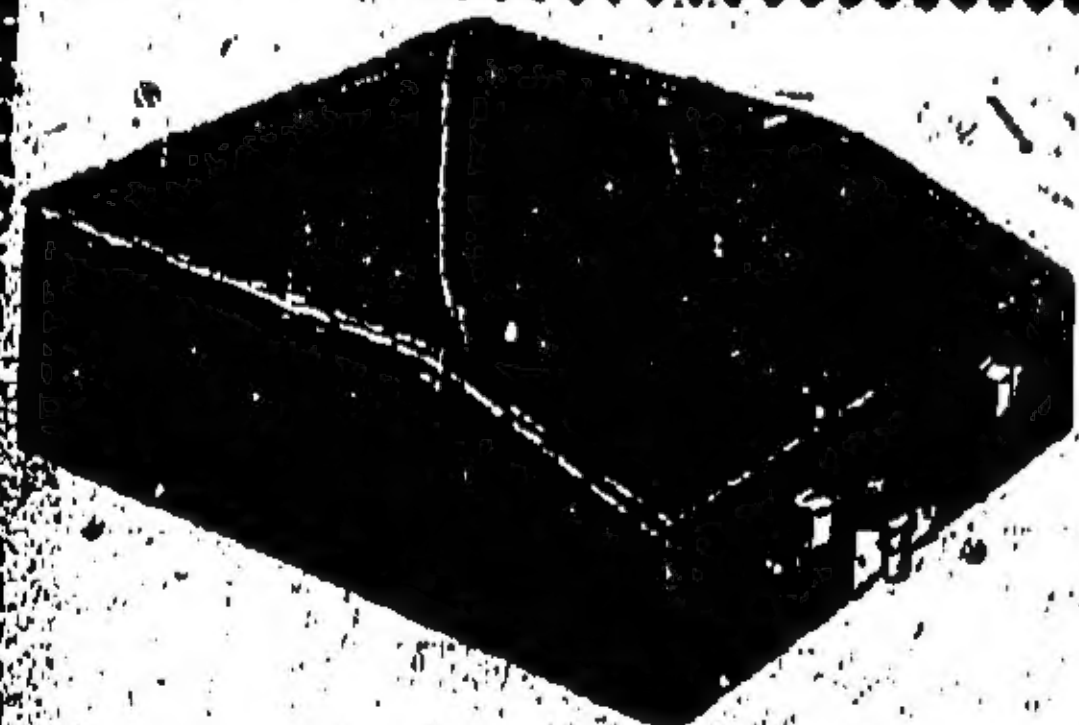
FRITZ EBERT

Fritz Ebert, son of the late President Friedrich Ebert, of Germany, suffered cuts and bruises when he was attacked in a political row in Berlin.



Above: WINSTON CHURCHILL & PRINCESS HERMINE.
Below: FRANK O. LOWDEN & CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

place a heavy export duty on Britain's liquor supply. Princess Hermine, wife of the German ex-Kaiser, has been named as a participant in a monarchist plot, in a British book. Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois, told the American publishers at a dinner in New York, that agriculture should be as well organized as industry. Chauncey M. Depew, former Senator, financier, railroad man and noted wit, an optimist at 91, declared the world is growing better.



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